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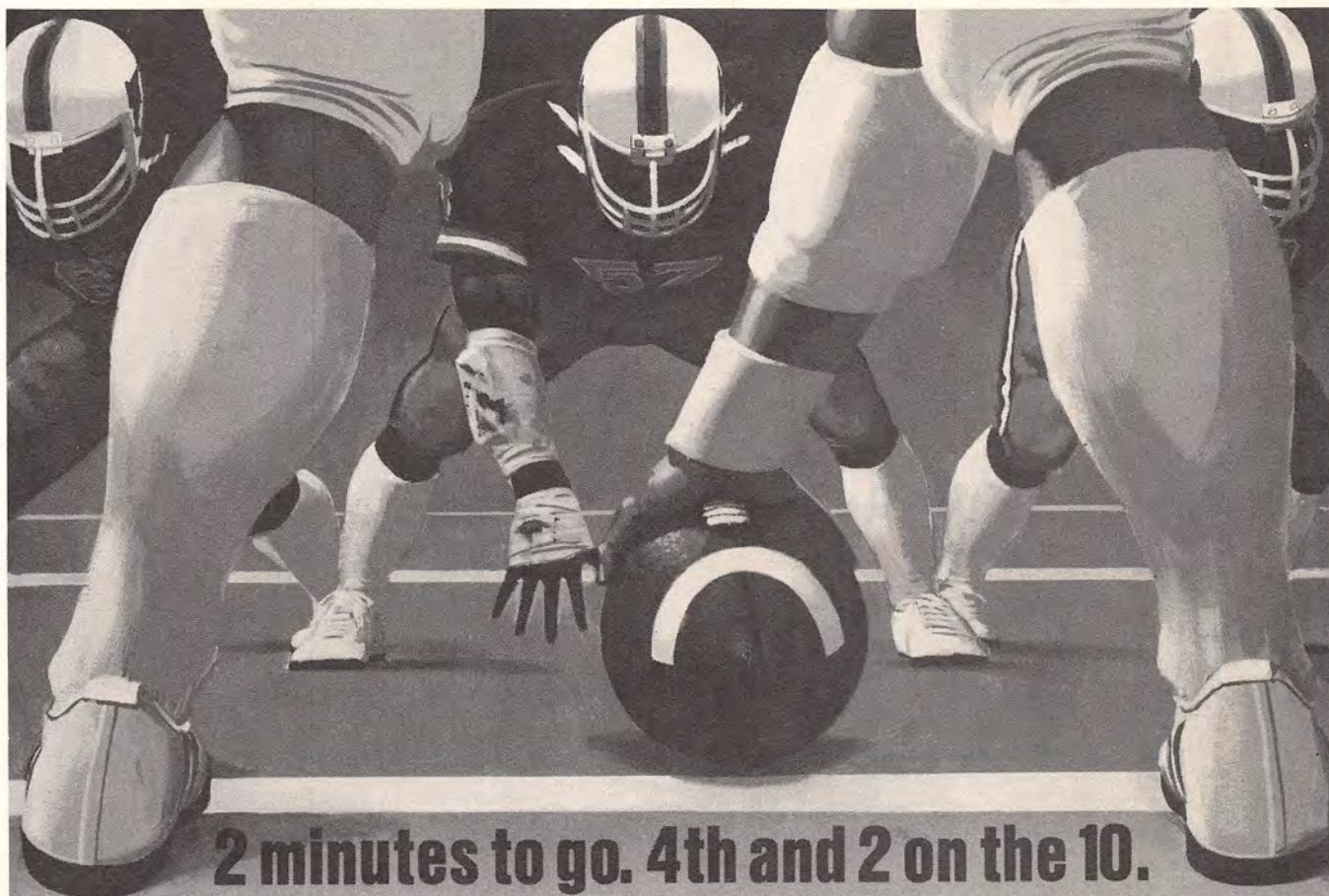
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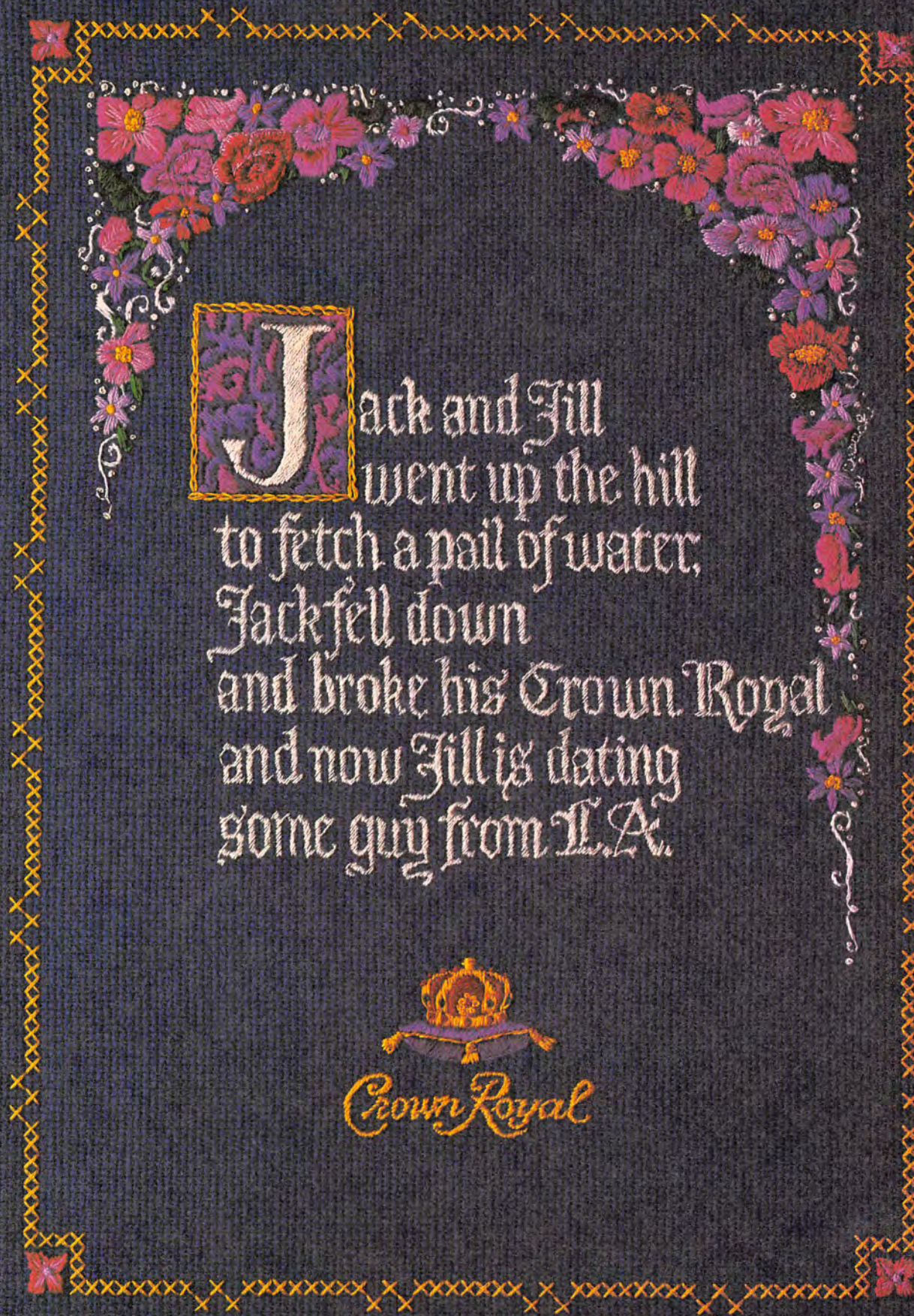


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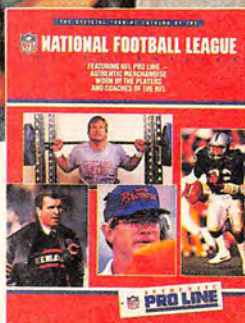
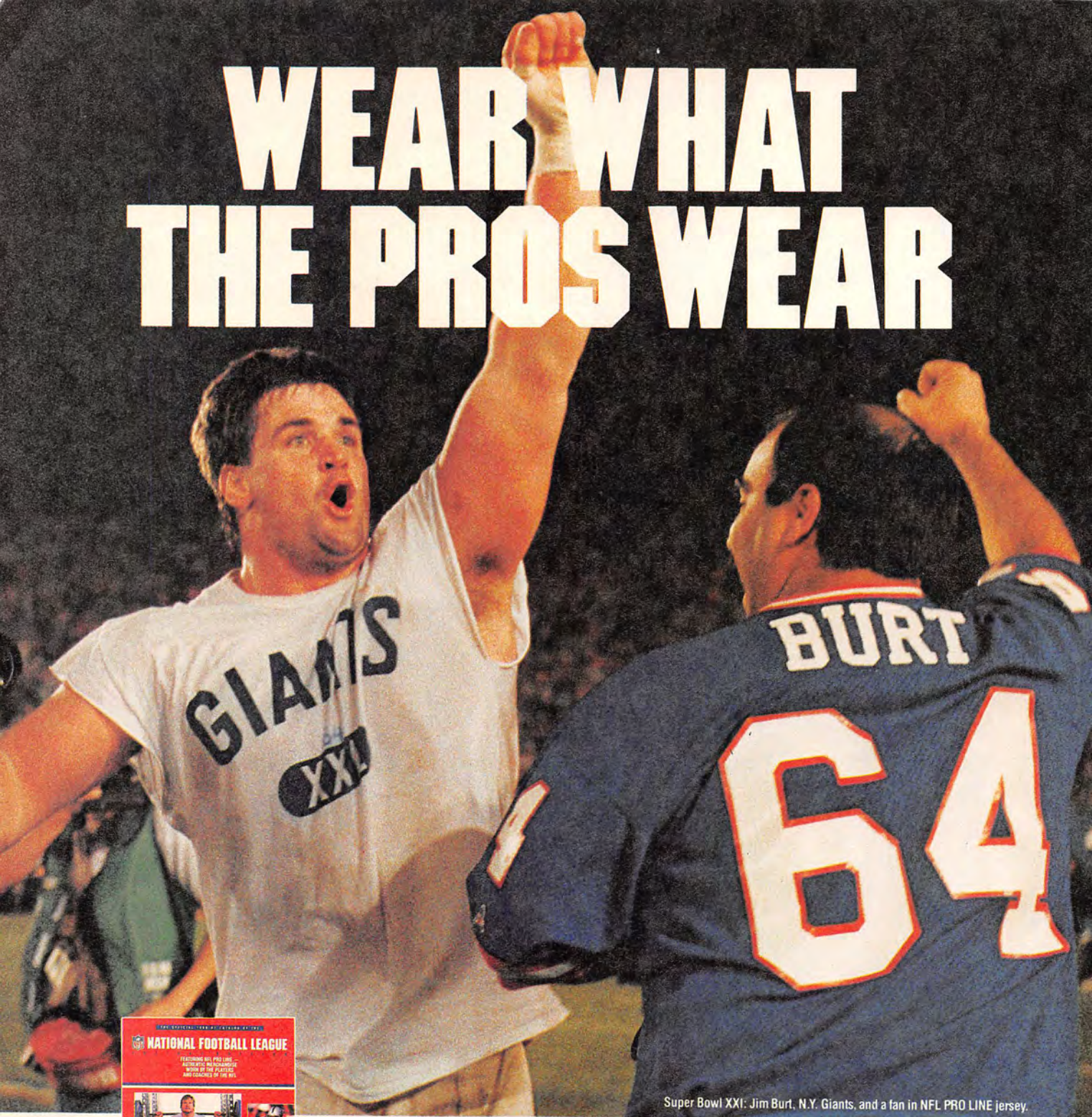
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1986 Heisman Trophy Winner

Vinny Testaverde

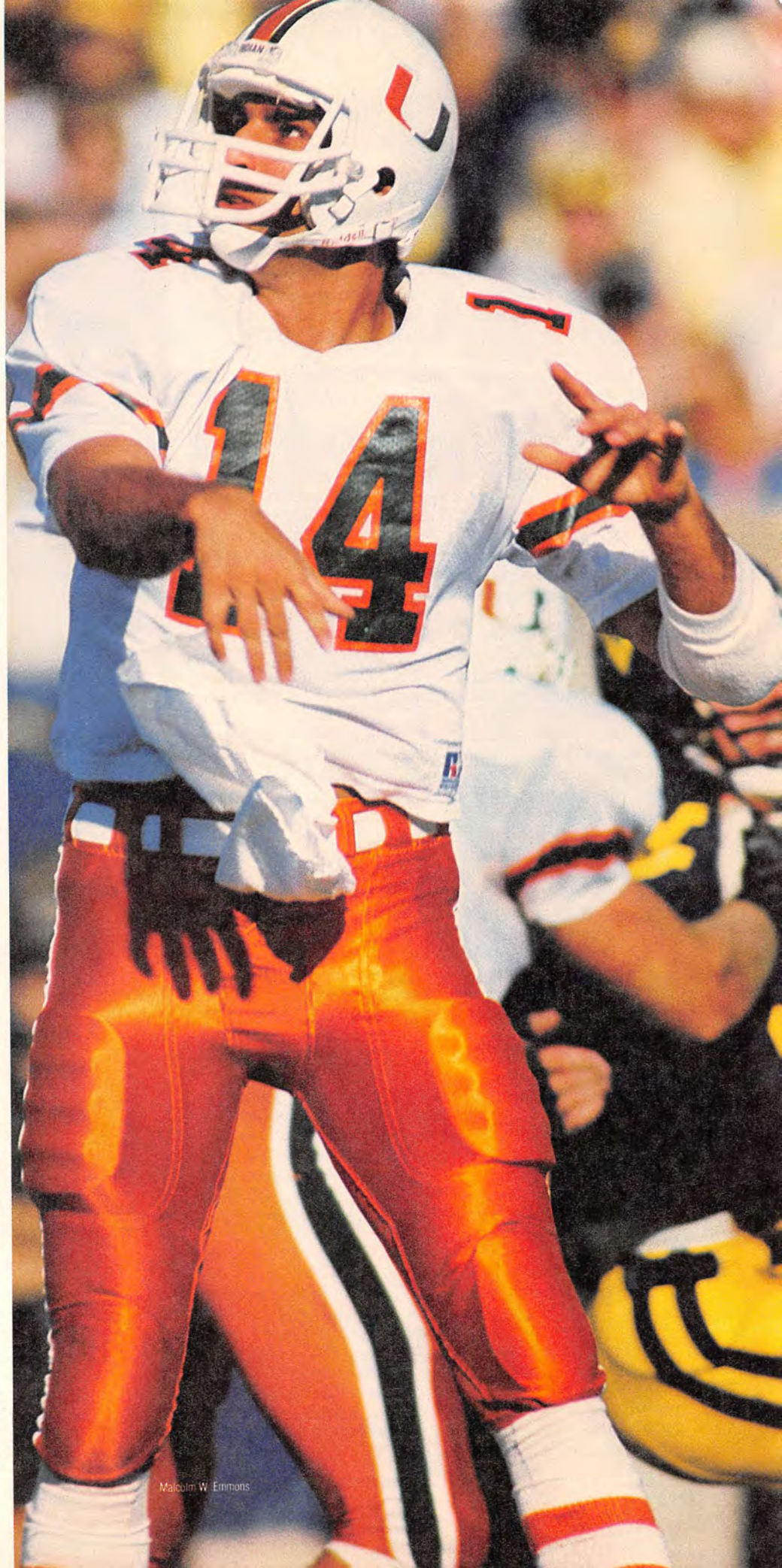
of Miami won the 52nd annual Heisman Trophy in 1986. The 14th quarterback but only the third since 1971 to be honored, Testaverde received 678 of 790 first-place votes and 2,213 points, easily outpolling Temple tailback Paul Palmer, who had 28 firsts and 672 points.

The nation's most efficient passer a year ago, Testaverde completed 175 of his 276 attempts (63%) for 2,557 yards and a school-record 26 touchdowns with just 9 interceptions. He became the Hurricanes' starting quarterback in his junior season—after Bernie Kosar passed up his final two years of eligibility at Miami to turn professional—and set the school records for passing yardage, total offense, and touchdown passes. Testaverde, 6-5 and 218 pounds, was the No. 1 selection in the National Football League draft and has signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Palmer, the runner-up in the balloting, led the country in rushing with 1,866 yards and established an NCAA Division I-A mark with 2,633 total yards on the ground. Michigan quarterback Jim Harbaugh finished third, followed by Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth, Holy Cross's two-way (tailback and defensive back) specialist Gordon Lockbaum, Auburn fullback Brent Fullwood, Alabama linebacker Cornelius Bennett, Penn State tailback D.J. Dozier, Fresno State quarterback Kevin Sweeney, and Ohio State linebacker Chris Spielman.

HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

player, school (first-place votes)	points
Vinny Testaverde, Miami (678)	2,213
Paul Palmer, Temple (28)	672
Jim Harbaugh, Michigan (25)	458
Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma (9)	395
Gordon Lockbaum, Holy Cross (32)	242
Brent Fullwood, Auburn (4)	129
Cornelius Bennett, Alabama (3)	96
D.J. Dozier, Penn State	77
Kevin Sweeney, Fresno State (6)	73
Chris Spielman, Ohio State (5)	60



A senior-laden team helped Penn State capture the Fiesta Bowl and the school's second national championship in its centennial season.

by **MICKEY FURFARI**

MORGANTOWN DOMINION POST

● Penn State bagged its second national championship with two big sacks last season. Defensive end Bob White pulled the strings on one. Defensive tackle Tim Johnson came up with the other.

"Those two sacks maybe were the two biggest key plays of the whole year," said a reflecting coach Joe Paterno a few months later.

With Notre Dame facing second-and-goal at the Penn State 9, White whizzed through virtually untouched and dropped quarterback Steve Beuerlein for a nine-yard loss. Two plays later the Nittany Lions claimed a 24-19 victory on November 16 at South Bend to keep their title hopes alive. Lou Holtz, the Fighting Irish's first-year coach, called it "maybe the most critical play [of the game]. It pushed us back to the 18, and that's a lot different from the 9."

Johnson's sacking of Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde came at the Penn State 13 with 25 seconds left in the Fiesta Bowl showdown on January 2, 1987. It slowed a game-ending threat by top-ranked Miami. Linebacker Pete Gifopoulos then applied the killing touch with a pass interception on fourth-and-goal on the final play of his team's 14-10 triumph.

Defense overshadowed the offense as the Nittany Lions roared to a 12-0 record and the No. 1 finish in all major polls. The difference wasn't quite as distinctive as it had been in other years, though. Penn State relied more on a fine mixture of all ingredients, including a strong kicking game. Luck played a prominent part, too.

The 1982 team that went 11-1 and captured the school's first mythical championship had more dominant players. Paterno also had three other undefeated and untied teams—11-0 in both 1968 and 1969 and 12-0 in 1973—with probably more stickouts. Each of those capped its season with a victory in the Orange Bowl. Unlike last year's team and the one in '81, however, none was acclaimed best in the land.

"No one on last year's team really could dominate a game like some other players we've had in the past," Paterno said. "We just had a whole mess of good, solid players. That was the thing about the 1986 team. And for the most part, they stayed healthy all year."

He's not one to say this team or that team was better than another in his 21 years as a head coach. His amazing 199-44-2 record, including 18 bowl appearances, is tall testimony to the talents he and his aides have molded together year after year in Happy Valley. Yet none will strike a warmer spot in Paterno's heart than the 1986 team that climaxed Penn State's "Century of Excellence" with that stirring conquest of Miami's favored Hurricanes.

"I don't know if I've had a team that not only for one year but two solid years worked as hard as these guys," the veteran coach beamed. He thinks a major reason was the presence of 15 fifth-year seniors, the most he's ever had.

"No question, that was a significant factor," Paterno said. "They were good in 1985 [when they went 11-0 only to bow to title-taking Oklahoma, 25-10, in the Orange Bowl]. So many made up their minds to come back. Some took graduate studies, others finished up on their degrees. When the NCAA said a kid in graduate school with eligibility could play, that made redshirting a positive thing."



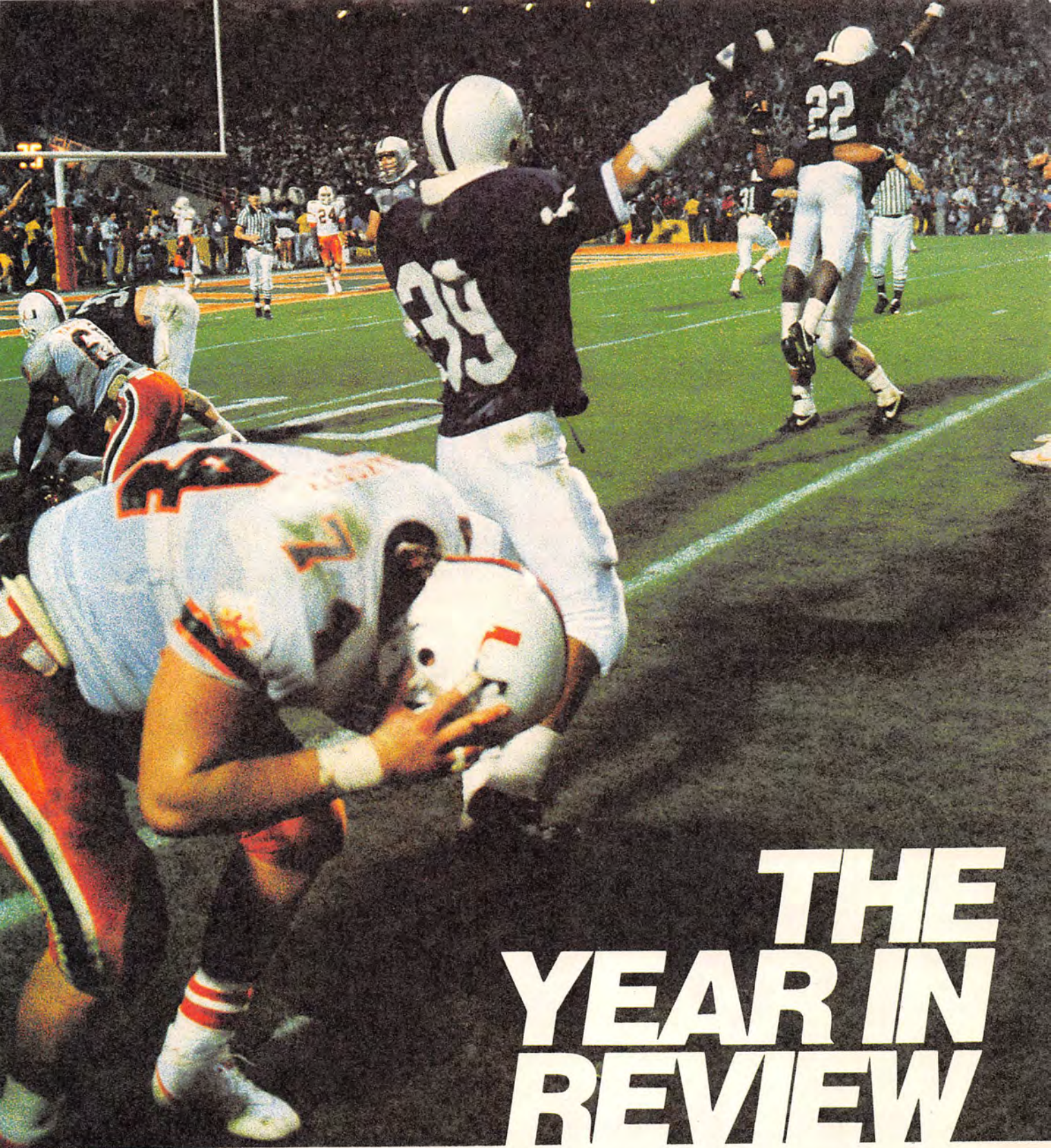
Pete Gifopoulos's second interception (and Penn State's fifth) sealed the Fiesta Bowl victory and the national championship for the Nittany Lions.

Mickey Pflieger

VICTORY AT ALABAMA

Few regarded Penn State as a serious championship contender until its seventh game. The Lions, then ranked sixth, routed No. 2-rated Alabama, 23-3. It was the Crimson Tide's worst defeat in 10 years and only its third in Bryant-Denny Stadium in the last 25. A stunned crowd of 60,210 saw Penn State limit Alabama to just 216 yards while gaining 378 against a highly regarded defense.

"Obviously, the Alabama game was a big key," Paterno said, looking back. "We really played well down there. Of-



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

fense, defense, kicking . . . things just went our way that day. There was no doubt in my mind that we had a really good team—that we had a shot at all the marbles if we didn't get careless. But I wouldn't expect to beat Alabama by that score any time, any place."

Quarterback John Shaffer called it "a very big game in our season and in Penn State's history." He completed 13 of 17 passes for 168 yards while directing a balanced attack which included 234 yards rushing. "We played one of the finest teams I've faced up to this point in my college career,"

Shaffer said. All-America linebacker Shane Conlan thought it was the best the defense had looked in five years.

Alabama coach Ray Perkins was duly impressed. "I said during the week they were a great team," he said, "and they went about things like a great team. There's no question they deserve to be ranked among the top five teams in the country. They're by far the best team we've played."

That victory, coupled with Colorado's upset of No. 3 Nebraska the same day, hoisted Penn State four notches to second place in the national rankings.

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The Lions were to slip to third in some polls for one week before regaining a tight grip on the second spot. Their offense sputtered but their defense dominated in a 19-0 win at West Virginia the following Saturday. Then, in game nine, Maryland scored near the end and pulled within 17-15 only to miss a second two-point conversion which would have given the Terps a tie. That giant-sized scare was followed by the one at Notre Dame. But Penn State's title hopes were boosted earlier that day by Minnesota's jolting of No. 2 Michigan.

The Lions closed out their centennial campaign with a 34-14 romp over old rival Pittsburgh. It was reminiscent of the season-opening 45-15 rout of Temple. In between, though, they experienced some ups and downs. Seven turnovers by Penn State's defense keyed a 26-14 victory over Boston College. The most surprising struggle came in a 23-17 squeeze past lightly regarded Cincinnati in game five.

SHOWDOWN FOR NO. 1

There are those who think the Fiesta Bowl matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2 made a great case for the long-talked-about national championship playoff proposal. Paterno firmly believes, and rightly so, that his team would have been runner-up rather than champion if it hadn't been given the record \$2.4 million shot at Miami. The pollsters would have kept Miami No. 1 if each team had played in separate bowls and won. It was an opportunity his earlier, unbeaten but uncrowned teams weren't accorded.

A bend-but-don't break defense made the difference that January 2 night in a game seen on national television. The Hurricanes rolled up 445 yards in total offense compared with only 162 by the Nittany Lions. But Penn State intercepted five passes, pressured Miami receivers to drop five others, and recovered two fumbles. The 7-3 ratio in turnovers told the real story of the classic 14-10 conquest.

Jerry Sandusky, Penn State's veteran defensive coordinator, said the package of 20 different coverages was "an accumulation of what we had done throughout the last two years." He admitted, "We had never done as many things in one given game," and that Conlan was a key performer. "We

put in an extra linebacker," he explained. "Most teams put in an extra defensive back. Conlan can play all kinds of different passes coverages. He also can rush the passer."

Testaverde completed 26 of 50 passes for 285 yards, but was sacked four times and for the first time did not throw a touchdown pass. "They did a lot of good things on defense," said the Miami quarterback, the 1986 national passing-efficiency champion. "Our running game was working, but we couldn't put a drive together. We kept killing ourselves with penalties and turnovers."

A disappointed coach Jimmy Johnson agreed. "We just made too many mistakes," he said. "Penn State deserves to be the champion. They played a fantastic ball game." Later Johnson apologized for his players' behavior the week before the game. They had arrived in green battle fatigues, talked about mission and style, and abruptly walked out on a dinner party for the two teams. In contrast, Penn State's players vowed simply to prove their style on the field.

"They talked about intimidating us the whole week," said Lions' linebacker Trey Bauer, who was credited with 11 tackles. "You can shut a lot of people up with a W!" Conlan, who had eight tackles, two interceptions, and a sack, said: "They were talking about how short our defensive backs were and

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final 1986-87 college football rankings

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rank	school	record	points
1.	Penn State (54)	12-0-0	1,137
2.	Miami	11-1-0	1,064
3.	Oklahoma (3)	11-1-0	1,045
4.	Arizona State	10-1-1	938
5.	Nebraska	10-2-0	937
6.	Auburn	10-2-0	791
7.	Ohio State	10-3-0	762
8.	Michigan	11-2-0	758
9.	Alabama	10-3-0	680
10.	LSU	9-3-0	526
11.	Arizona	9-3-0	494
12.	Baylor	9-3-0	491
13.	Texas A&M	9-3-0	458
14.	UCLA	8-3-1	439
15.	Arkansas	9-3-0	342
16.	Iowa	9-3-0	247
17.	Clemson	8-2-2	209
18.	Washington	8-3-1	206½
19.	Boston College	9-3-0	140
20.	Virginia Tech	9-2-1	107½

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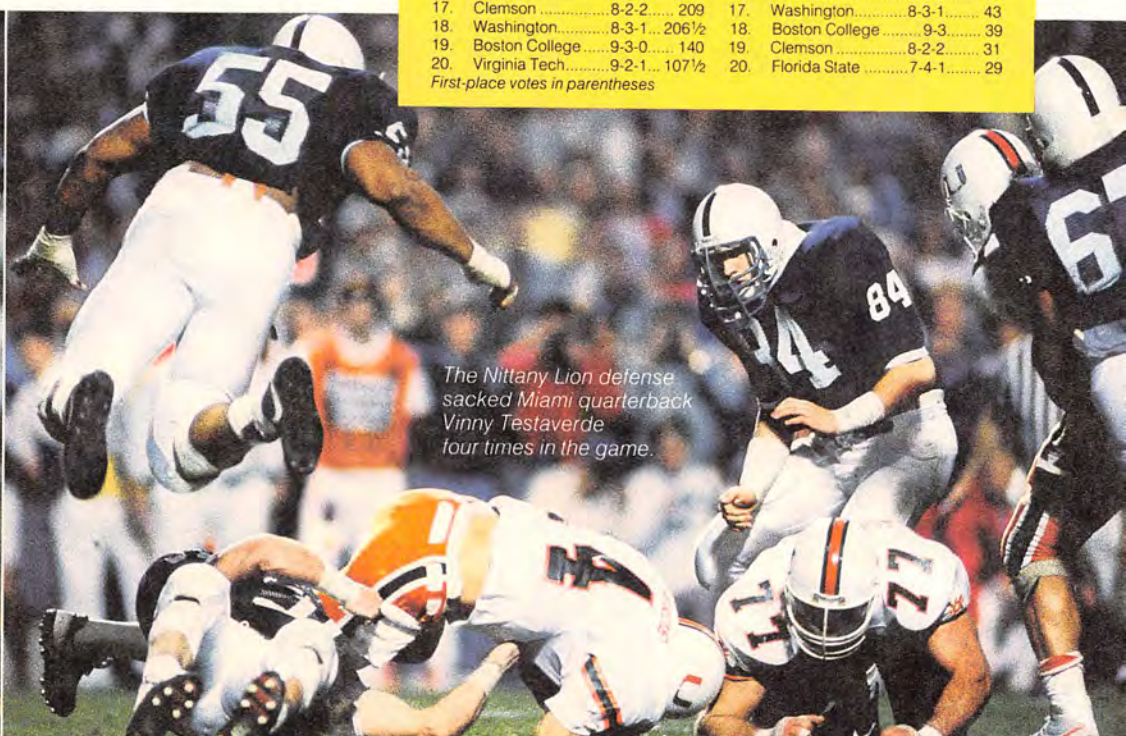
rank	school	record	points
1.	Penn State (50)	12-0	750
2.	Miami	11-1	686
3.	Oklahoma	11-1	674
4.	Nebraska	10-2	648
5.	Arizona State	10-1-1	584
6.	Ohio State	10-3	448
7.	Michigan	10-2	425
8.	Auburn	10-2	411
9.	Alabama	10-3	342
10.	Arizona	9-3	195
11.	LSU	9-3	191
12.	Texas A&M	9-3	172
13.	Baylor	9-3	164
14.	UCLA	8-3-1	163
15.	Iowa	9-3	72
16.	Arkansas	9-3	55
17.	Washington	8-3-1	43
18.	Boston College	9-3	39
19.	Clemson	8-2-2	31
20.	Florida State	7-4-1	29

First-place votes in parentheses

Mickey Pflieger



Shane Conlan set up Penn State's go-ahead touchdown with his second interception in the Fiesta Bowl.



The Nittany Lion defense sacked Miami quarterback Vinny Testaverde four times in the game.

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how slow they were. Well, we had those little guys back there and they just rocked 'em. They [the Miami receivers] just did not want to catch the ball. That was the key to the game."

Cornerbacks Eddie Johnson (5-11, 174) and Duffy Cobbs (5-10, 164) combined for 25 tackles. "We just laughed when we heard and read comments about Penn State's 'small' secondary," Cobbs said. "We said to ourselves that we'll just show them how short we are when we play." Safety Ray Isom (5-9, 187) also was instrumental in the execution of the successful defensive game plan.

Paterno went 16 years without leading Penn State to the promised land. Now it has two national championships within a five-year span. "You don't dare to dream of one, much less two," he said. "But we had a great bunch of kids. We stayed healthy in key spots most of the year... and we had a lot of good bounces." He rated the "defensive scheme and execution" against Miami as "one of the better" jobs, though not the best of his tenure. He recalled that his 1969 team held potent Missouri to just one field goal in a 10-3 Orange Bowl victory. "We also did a good job against Dan Marino during the years he was at Pitt."

Shaffer, much maligned the past two years, didn't rank among the nation's elite quarterbacks statistically. But Paterno fully appreciated his value to the team. "I don't think people realized that as well as we could kick and as well as we could play defense, we didn't want to do anything silly offensively," the coach said. "In many games, we purposely played it very close to the vest. Our defense was good enough that we didn't have to take a lot of chances." Yet in every game in which the Lions fell behind, Shaffer "took us down the field for touchdowns. He was not fancy or cute. But he was a tough kid with a lot of patience and poise. And he knew if he had to do it, he could."

As a senior, Shaffer completed 114 of 204 passes (55.9 percent) for 1,510 yards and nine touchdowns. Significantly, he was intercepted just four times. Tailback D.J. Dozier became the first player in Penn State's history to lead the rushing attack all four years as he netted 811 yards and scored 10 touchdowns on 171 carries. Senior fullback Tim Manoa was next with 546 yards on 98 totes. Sophomore Blair Thomas gained 504 yards on only 60 attempts for a sparkling 8.4-yards-per-carry average. Conlan was the Lions' most honored performer. Several others received some national recognition, though. Those included Shaffer, Tim Johnson, offensive tackle Chris Conlin, Dozier, Isom, and tight end Brian Siverling. Conlan and Dozier became the first Penn State players since 1984 to be selected in the first round of the NFL draft in April.

D.J. Dozier's 6-yard run in the fourth quarter put Penn State ahead for good.



BOWL ROUNDUP

Oklahoma, the defending national champion and preseason consensus choice to repeat, whipped Arkansas, 42-8, in the Orange Bowl to finish third behind Penn State and Miami. The Sooners (10-1-1) had been sidetracked on September 27 in a 28-16 loss to Miami. Testaverde hit 21 of 28 passes for 261 yards and four touchdowns that day. Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer said Testaverde was the best passer his teams had faced in his 21 years at Norman. Despite that bombardment the Sooners became the first team in history to sweep all four major defensive statistical championships, including pass defense. They also were tops in scoring offense and rushing offense and second in total offense. All-America linebacker Brian Bosworth, the two-time Butkus Award winner, blasted the NCAA for ruling him ineligible to play in the Orange Bowl. He was one of several players banned from bowl participation under the new drug-testing program. Bosworth had used steroids under a doctor's direction several months earlier.

Tailback Paul Palmer of Temple topped Division I-A in rushing with 1,866 yards on 346 carries. He also set a record for all-purpose running with 2,663 yards. Palmer, who scored 15 touchdowns for a 6-5 team, was the runner-up to Testaverde in the Heisman Trophy voting. His fancy figures probably would have earned him the award almost any other year. Jason Buck of Brigham Young won the Outland Trophy and Cornelius Bennett of Alabama took the Lombardi Trophy.

The Rose Bowl hex continued to haunt Michigan. Arizona State beat the Wolverines, 22-15, to finish fourth in most polls. Nebraska defeated Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl, 30-15, for a fifth-place finish. Ohio State salvaged some Big Ten prestige with its 28-12 win over Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. It was Auburn over Southern Cal in the Citrus, 16-7, and Alabama over Washington in the Sun, 28-6.

A year of suspense came down to that No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown in the Fiesta, though, and defense-minded Penn State prevailed.

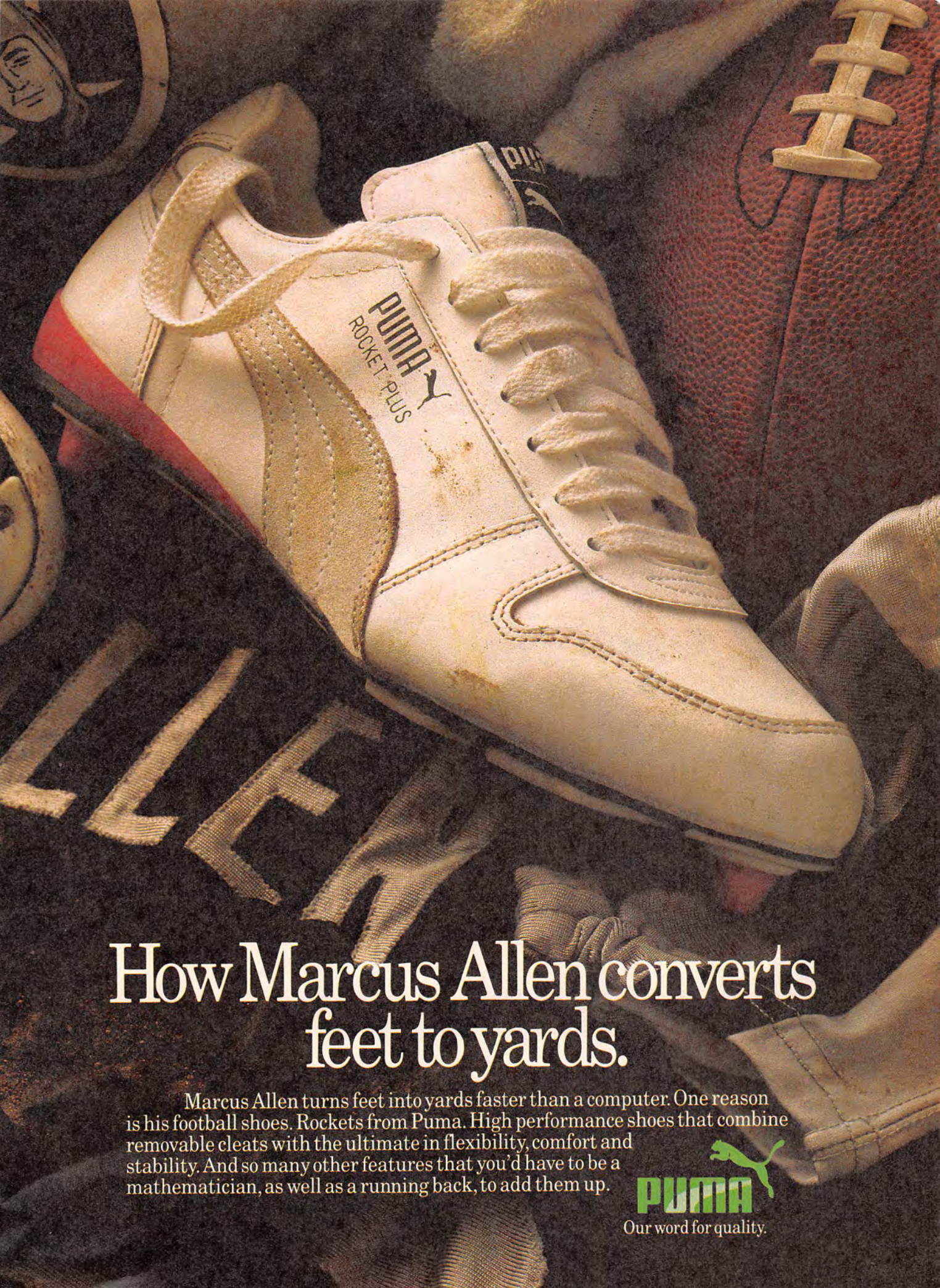
Melvin Bratton's 1-yard plunge gave Miami an early lead in the Fiesta Bowl.



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Joe Paterno is Penn State Football

There have been numerous times in Joe Paterno's 37 years of football at Penn State that he thought about getting out of coaching. "Every time I get licked, I wonder what I'm doing in this business," the nation's winningest active coach revealed in a recent interview. "But I almost gave it up in 1979."

To him, that season was a low point in his amazingly successful career. It wasn't Penn State's 8-4 record in 1979, but the development of various disciplinary problems that came oh-so-close to forcing him out. "Football always had been fun for me up to that point," Paterno recalled. "Kids had responded to what I told them. But all that fell flat on me that year. I couldn't communicate like I had."

What he called "a couple of bad apples" suddenly turned him sour on a job which always had been enjoyable for him. There were published reports that three players had become academically ineligible and that three others were arrested on charges ranging from drunk driving to burglary. Paterno tended to blame himself for the shocking breakdown in discipline. It was uncharacteristic of a program which graduates more than 80 percent of its participants.

"I was really discouraged," Paterno said. "I was really depressed. I thought that maybe I should give it up. It was affecting my family as well as me. I checked myself on what I would do if I did not continue to coach. My wife told me I should do what I wanted to do."

He felt so strongly about the situation that he decided to spend a few days in New York and in his native Brooklyn and meditate. "I hadn't been back in a while, so I looked up some old friends while trying to get my bearings again. All of them encouraged me to hang in, give it another try. They said, 'Don't let one bad experience drive you from a profession you love. Re-evaluate things and give it another shot.'" He thought, "Maybe I haven't worked at it hard enough." So he returned home determined to "stick with it."

It has been upbeat for both Paterno and Penn State since then. He directed teams to the school's only national football championships in 1982 and 1986. With a 21-year record of 199-44-2, he needs just one more victory to reach the 200 circle. Eighteen of his teams have gone to bowls and 15 have been ranked in the nation's final Top 10. He has coached the Nittany Lions to 23- and 21-game winning streaks, two of the longest in college football annals. He also has a current string of 22 consecutive regular season victories.

This will be Paterno's 38th season at Penn State. His first 16 were as an assistant to Rip Engle, for whom he played quarterback at Brown University. Paterno planned to go on to law school there, but opted for a coaching career when Engle asked him to come along as his assistant. He has never regretted that decision. No other coach in Penn State history has won as many games or turned out as many undefeated teams (four).

"It's getting tougher and tougher to win a national championship," Paterno said. "But I always felt we get enough good kids to contend. And we've been fortunate to keep key coaches." He believes Penn State can remain a title threat "every two, three, or four years" if it continues "to recruit intelligently, we don't get caught up in junk (relying on others' evaluations of talent rather than the staff's), and we stay a little lucky." He added, "With the situation we have, we should be very strong at least every three or four years."

He thinks "intelligent recruiting" has been the biggest factor in Penn State's surging success. "We have taken kids on the basis of our evaluations, not those of someone in Chicago or New York or wherever," he said. "And we've been fortunate in recruiting to our particular needs." He also credits the retention of key assistant coaches over a long period, organization, discipline, motivation, and "all those important things you need to do."

Paterno, who will be 61 in December, would like to coach "four or five more years" before retiring. He has said it won't take a specific win or loss for him to know when to give up the reins. But when he does, he wants to get into "something else" to which he can be a contributor. He hopes to decide within two years on another career.

Asked what he would like to turn to, he replied, "That's the problem. I have no idea at this time. I'll decide in a couple of years and be ready to make the transition." He has donated \$150,000 to the university's Joe Paterno Libraries Endowment fund for academic needs.

It's difficult to visualize the Nittany Lion team without Joe Paterno, though. For 21 memorable years, Joe Paterno has been Penn State football.

—Mickey Furfari

George Gokovich

Letters



Just a short note to explain how much I enjoyed your [Pro Football] Yearbook. Football (or American Football, as we have come to define it) is catching on here quite well. Every Sunday on Channel 4, Frank Gifford presents highlights of the game of the week,

plus all the news and scores of the other games.

I got hold of your yearbook in a bookshop in London, where I work, and, as I said, was quite impressed with its content. Anyway, here's hoping I can get next year's yearbook from the same shop.

P.R. SMITH
Southend-on-Sea
Essex, England

■ Congratulations are in order for a fine 1987 Baseball book. I especially liked your article on Mike Schmidt. I was wondering if you could explain how to compute a player's fielding percentage.

JOSEPH ACCARDI Somers Point, NJ
Divide the total putouts and assists by the total of putouts, assists, and errors.

■ As a patron of your [College Football] book for approximately 25 years, I would like to offer some criticism of your last two issues. One of the main features which made your magazine special was the great schedule. Here you could, in three to four pages, look at a date and see everyone who would play that day. Now you have gone to the standard format of all the others and just sectionalized each with a list of their opponents.

Several years ago you began spreading the

schedule over 10-12 pages interspersed with ads, which wasn't nearly as good as before, when it was all together, but better than now. Please reconsider going back to your old method. It was so much better than what anyone else had. It set you apart, and gave us fans a simple, comprehensive schedule where we could look at one place and find all the games at a glance, rather than having to look at each team, then look up date, etc.

Last year, I set up a schedule on my computer so I would have the "old" Street & Smith's format, and I'm having to do that again. It is a lot of trouble, especially when I'm used to your providing it. I have enjoyed your magazine for many years, and I realize there may be cost consideration involved in your change, but if possible, please go back to the old schedule format.

MARVIN PEEK Birmingham, AL

■ The Wave does not belong in baseball. The true baseball fan studies the game more artistically than the impassioned football fan or bloodthirsty hockey fan. Those folks need to win, and leave frustrated when they don't. Whereas the baseball fan is inspired more by the game's endless possibilities than by the final outcome. He sees not only the game, but life in and around it as well. He applauds foul balls caught by barehanded elderly ladies...



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Begone Wave. Begone machismo.

TERRY BRENNAN
Vancouver, British Columbia

As usual, your Basketball magazine was well done, thoroughly prepared, and attractively packaged. It will be on my desk all season.

JOHN ROTH
Sports Information Director
Duke University, Durham, NC

I am taking this opportunity to write to you for two reasons. One is to commend you and your staff for a truly outstanding magazine, and two, to obtain information about acquiring

a copy of your 1984-85 Basketball edition. I have been collecting every issue of your magazine for 10 years now and I do take very good care of them. Unfortunately, I had my last issue of Basketball stolen from aboard my ship, and I would greatly appreciate any efforts on your part to help me replace that issue in my collection.

I read these magazines religiously and find them far more informative than your competitors. The quality always seems to improve; I have also noted the changes with guarded optimism, but find them in the end to improve the already superb edition.

ANDRE R. MILLER Chula Vista, CA

I am an avid college football fan and reader of Street & Smith's College and Pro Football books for over 20 years. I would like you to add one feature to the College Football book: a listing of the coaching changes.

R.N. STEPHENS Wadley, AL
Lack of space prevents a complete list, but here are the changes at the major schools.

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Eastern Illinois	Bob Spoo	Al Molde
Georgia Tech	Bobby Ross	Bill Curry
Hawaii	Bob Wagner	Dick Tomey
Houston	Jack Pardee	Bill Yeoman
Iowa State	Jim Walden	Jim Criner
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Street & Smith's 1987 High School All-America Team

by **DOUG HUFF**

WHEELING INTELLIGENCER

● Four-year standouts from California and Louisiana who are threatening U.S. career records top the sixth annual 50-player *Street & Smith's College Football* preseason high school All-America team.

Left-handed quarterback Todd Marinovich of Capistrano Valley in Mission Viejo, CA, and versatile Baron Jackson, a combination pass thief-receiver from Southern Lab High in Baton Rouge, LA, are on course to etch their names into all-time listings this fall.

Marinovich, who was featured in *People* magazine after his freshman season at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, CA, enters his final prep campaign with 6,769 passing yards and 56 touchdowns. The national and California record of 8,804 aerial yards was set a decade ago by Ron Cuccia of Wilson High in Los Angeles.

Jackson stars on a "small school" level, but his numbers are anything but small. The defensive back/wide receiver enters this season with 51 career interceptions, just eight short of the U.S. mark set in 1980 by Donald Moore of Spendor, TX. Jackson intercepted 21 passes and scored four touchdowns during a 15-0 state championship season last fall. On offense, he caught 52 passes for 1,165 yards and 26 TDs and tacked on four touchdowns on punt returns.

Jackson is one of several multi-talented athletes in our Top 50 listing, as determined by a nationwide canvass of college and high school coaches, journalists, recruiting services, and hobbyists. Athletes from 23 states comprise the elite group, which includes six from Texas and four each from California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida—all fertile producers of football talent. A trio of Missouri schoolboys are cited with two each from Michigan, Illinois, New York, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Tennessee. The eleven interior linemen average 6-foot, 4½ inches and 267 pounds and the four tight ends average 6-4½ and 224 pounds. And these are just growing, teen-age boys!

Here is a summary of the 50-member honor roll in high school football for 1987:

QUARTERBACKS

California has been home to countless standout prep signal-callers in past years and 1987 is no exception, with the two best hailing from Orange County. The red-haired Todd Marinovich, who started his first two seasons at Santa Ana Mater Dei before switching to Capistrano Valley, suffered a

broken thumb on his passing hand last season but still threw for 2,353 yards. His coach, Dick Enright, feels he has the same potential as Dan Fouts, whom Enright also tutored while at the University of Oregon.

At nearby El Toro, Bret Johnson returns to trigger the attack which ended with a 14-0 record and the state's top ranking last fall. A son of the head coach, Johnson passed for 2,558 yards and 27 touchdowns and rushed for five more TDs while earning state Junior Player of the Year honors. Both quarterbacks are B+ students and outstanding basketball players.

Ohio and Colorado are home to a pair of highly coveted quarterbacks—Kirk Herbstreit of Centerville, OH, and Jerry Dunn of Mullen High in Denver, CO. Herbstreit, whose father, Jim, played at Ohio State, is a wishbone threat running or passing. Last fall, he rushed for 595 yards and scored 17 times while passing for 1,271 yards and 11 more TDs. Dunn, a wishbone operator as a sophomore, was shifted to dropback passer and responded with 2,506 yards and 20 TDs in 14 games. He's also a straight-A student.

RUNNING BACKS

Nine touted runners from eight states return with impressive credentials. Texas boasts two in Kevin Williams of Spring and Mark Morgan of McAllen. Williams rushed for 1,490 yards last season and is a two-time all-district choice in the Houston area. Morgan, a nephew of NFL wide receiver Stanley Morgan, led the Texas large-class (5A) backs with 1,702 rushing yards in 10 regular-season games as a junior and followed up with impressive track efforts in the spring, including a 24-foot long jump.

A state record-setter returns in Florida while Tennessee's record books could be rewritten this fall. William (Willy) McClendon has college scouts beating a path to tiny University Christian School in Jacksonville, FL, where the big, fast back is a big-time talent. He led the Sunshine State in rushing last fall with 2,384 yards on 261 carries while scoring 29 touchdowns and 212 points. McClendon set the Florida regular-season mark of 2,173 rushing yards. As a sophomore, he rushed for 1,559 yards and scored 16 TDs. In Tennessee, opponents and statisticians are glad this is the fourth and final season for Xavier Crawford of Trezevant High in Memphis. He already has rushed for 5,433 yards and scored 64 TDs, including 783 yards and nine TDs in postseason state

playoff games the last two years. In his sophomore year, he scored 35 TDs and gained 2,700 yards. Last season, despite an ailing ankle for two games, he gained 1,818 yards and tallied 24 times.

The most honored backs in Ohio, Missouri, Mississippi, Arizona, and New York also return. Chuck Webb rushed for 1,798 yards and scored 17 TDs in nine games for Macomber-Whitney High in Toledo and was named Ohio large-class (AAA) back of the year. Eleven of his scoring runs covered at least 50 yards. Kenyon Rasheed is equally good at fullback or tailback while blending a 233-pound frame with 4.6-second speed for 40 yards. In 17 varsity games for Rockhurst High in Kansas City, MO, he has rushed for 2,285 yards and 31 TDs, including 1,363 and 21 in nine games last fall before he injured a knee. William Prince is the king of Mississippi running backs and reminds some observers of the state's Marcus Dupree. Blessed with size (6-3, 215) and quickness (4.4 for 40 yards), the Vicksburg Warren Central three-sport performer gained 1,279 yards on 181 carries and scored 11 TDs last season. He also played cornerback and returned kicks. Kevin Galbreath missed three games with an injury last season for Maryvale High in Phoenix, AZ, but still rushed for 1,853 yards and 18 TDs. He's a three-sport performer, too, and was the lone junior on the all-state honor roll. Western New York observers aren't surprised about any accolades for Ray Braxton of Lackawanna High. He became the first junior ever named that area's Player of the Year last fall when he rushed for 1,468 yards on 218 carries and scored 17 TDs in nine games. He enters his final season with 3,037 yards and 38 TDs among 232 points.

UTILITY BACKS

Mike Chalenski is a jack-of-all-trades for Brearley Regional High in Kenilworth, NJ, the state Group 1 champion the last two seasons. A fullback/linebacker, he has rushed for 3,046 yards and 35 TDs with a year remaining. Some college scouts feel Darian Hagan of Los Angeles Locke is the premier option quarterback around. Playing both quarterback and running back, he averaged over nine yards a carry last season. In Erie, PA, Cathedral Prep followers are looking forward to the final season for Eric Lewandowski. A straight-A student, he handles offense and defense equally well on the gridiron. Playing quarterback and tailback, he rushed for 1,167 yards and 14 touchdowns and passed for 1,490 yards and 11 TDs last fall. On defense, he's an outside linebacker

continued

and safety and also punts. Patrick Rogan is the last of the brothers who excelled in sports at Urbana, OH, and just as talented. A four-year stalwart, he has rushed for 3,934 yards and scored 42 TDs the last two seasons. As a freshman, he won the state 400-meter dash title.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Two mercury-heeled Texas athletes and a pair from the Carolinas headline the wide-outs. La Marque finished as Texas large-class (5A) runner-up and returns its run-and-shoot passing duo of quarterback Michael Little and receiver Ronnie Johnson, which clicked on 40 passes for 1,230 yards and 16 TDs last season. Johnson also uses his 4.3 speed on kick returns. Boling's Eric Brown, who caught 25 passes for 1,005 yards as a junior, is being recruited on offense and as a defensive back. The top returning players in both North and South Carolina are ends. Carl Pickens is a three-sport phenom at tiny Murphy, NC, which capped an unbeaten football season with the small-class (1A) title last season. Pickens, who high-jumps 7-foot-1 and excels in basketball, had 50 receptions for 958 yards and 14 TDs. As a kick returner, he ran back four punts and one kickoff all the way. On defense, he intercepted nine passes. College scouts know where Rock Hill, SC, is located. That's the home of Gerald Dixon, who has impressive credentials on offense and defense. The three-sport performer caught 49 passes for 787 yards and seven TDs while playing at wideout and tight end last season, and was equally impressive on defense with 22 tackles for 126 yards in losses, including 10 quarterback sacks.

TIGHT ENDS

Size and blocking skills mark the four tight ends. Florida prep observers rate Derek Brown of Merritt Island at the top of a very promising football crop this fall after he was cited as his team's finest offensive lineman last season. Also a big-play performer, he caught 10 passes for 231 yards and three TDs. Charles Steward, a four-season regular for Valdosta, GA, has been on two teams which claimed U.S. poll titles, including last year's 15-0 squad. With Steward in the lineup, the Wildcats are 39-3 competing against the top teams in the state. Another winner is Mark Allen, who has been a regular on two Connecticut championship football teams and one baseball title club at Trumbull High. An excellent student, Allen grabbed 23 passes, seven for TDs last season. On defense, he charted 12 quarterback sacks. Rangy John Dauskurdas is a football/baseball standout for Benet Academy in Lisle, IL. He missed four games with a broken finger last fall after catching 17 passes for 300 yards and two TDs as a sophomore.

LINEBACKERS/DEFENSIVE ENDS

The eight honorees share three common traits: they are agile, mobile, and hostile. In western Pennsylvania, two four-year athletes on the most successful large-class powers return in Curtis Bray of Monroeville Gateway and Eric Renkey of Pittsburgh North Hills. Bray, a three-sport standout who also plays tight end, was an all-stater on a 13-0 team rated among the nation's elite. Touted since his freshman season, he clocks 4.6 seconds for 40 yards while possessing good strength. Renkey is also a three-sport athlete who has started on teams with a 34-3-1 combined record.

Virginia claims two defensive selections in all-state end/linebacker Tim Canada of Courtland High in Spotsylvania and linebacker Martin Davis of Indian River High in Chesapeake. Canada, a track sprinter with 4.4 speed, charted 60 tackles, including 20 behind the scrimmage line and 11 sacks, for last season's state title club. Davis was in on 160 tackles as an all-Tidewater honoree last fall and his aggressive play earned him the nickname "Mad Dog."

Georgia's top defender is Freddie Richardson of Lowndes County High near Valdosta. He averaged 13 tackles and 12 assists while intercepting seven passes last season. A two-year all-state pick in South Carolina has been two-way end Carlos Gadsden of Hilton Head. He charted 66 stops including nine for losses. On offense, he caught 19 passes for 369 yards and five TDs. Ohio is represented by track sprinter Tony Closson, a four-season starter at Delphos Jefferson High who's also a 400-pound bench-presser. Rivals of Deer Park, TX, prefer to run the opposite side from end Tommy Jeter, who blends 4.7-second speed on a 6-5, 230-pound frame.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Baron Jackson was an all-Louisiana choice on both offense and defense as a junior and enters his fourth season in search of the U.S. interception record while posting top-shelf numbers on both sides of the scrimmage line. Other secondary honorees hail from Florida, Michigan, California, and Utah. Tyrone Mouzon of Dunedin, FL, not only has size (6-3, 207) for a free safety but speed (4.5) and competes in track during the spring. Courtney Hawkins of Beecher High in Flint, MI, is labeled by scouts as an athlete with skills at several positions. On offense, he's an all-stater who passed the 1,000-yard rushing mark last year. In California, Cordova High of Rancho Cordova has won 66 of its last 70 games and its latest player to watch is Arnold Laws, whose leaping ability and jarring tackles have attracted widespread attention. He intercepted six passes last season. In Ogden, UT, prep buffs can't miss the talents of Bonneville High's Kendall Youngblood, a football and basketball all-stater who will receive college interest in both sports.

INTERIOR LINEMEN

Eleven states are represented by as many linemen on our All-America team. Two of the defensive picks, Mario Johnson (6-5, 285) of Hazelwood, MO, Central, and Chester McGlockton (6-4, 275) of Whiteville, NC, saw duty on offense as well last season. Johnson rated regional all-star honors as a fullback and McGlockton is a four-year starter at tight end. Both run the 40 under five seconds.

The top returning seniors in Washington and Alabama are down linemen. Mike Lusty of Interlake High in Bellevue, WA, is a three-sport stalwart from a school which had three graduates drafted by the National Football League one year. Central High of Phenix City, AL, has had its share of talented linemen, too, but Ed King is rated by his coaches as "the best of the bunch."

In Knoxville, TN, junior all-stater Randy Hall of defending large-class champion Halls High stands out in the crowd with his size (6-4, 275), strength (385-pound bench press), and quickness (4.95 seconds for 40 yards). Other offensive linemen attracting attention include four-season regular and Michigan all-stater Matthew Amacker (6-6, 290) of Detroit McKenzie High; Philadelphia all-area choice Brian Dozier (6-4, 280) of Chester, PA; Lindsey Knapp (6-5, 240) of Deerfield, IL; and George Rook (6-5, 255) of White Plains, NY.

Texas and Florida boast top returning defensive players in Paul Moriarty (6-6, 270) of McCullough in Conroe, TX, and Tim Cromartie (6-2, 245) of Godby in Tallahassee, FL. Moriarty has been a three-season tower of power in the Houston area. Cromartie was the anchor for the stingy state Class AAA champions, which limited eight opponents to under 30 rushing yards and posted two playoff shutouts. He recorded over 100 tackles and eight sacks.

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Consistency is the hallmark of Rob Chura of De Smet Jesuit High in St. Louis, MO. Earning all-state and all-metropolitan honors as a junior, he connected on all 19 conversion kicks and 12 of 16 field-goal attempts, including three-pointers from 47 and 45 yards.

Street & Smith's Top 50 High School Seniors of 1987

QUARTERBACKS

	ht.	wt.	high school	home town
Jerry Dunn	6-1	192	Mullen	Denver, CO
Kirk Herbstreit	6-3	197	Centerville	Centerville, OH
Bret Johnson	6-0	180	El Toro	El Toro, CA
Todd Marinovich	6-4	207	Capistrano Valley	Mission Viejo, CA

RUNNING BACKS

Ray Braxton	5-9	190	Lackawanna	Lackawanna, NY
Xavier Crawford	5-11	205	Trezevant	Memphis, TN
Kevin Galbreath	6-0	175	Maryvale	Phoenix, AZ
William McClendon	6-1	215	University Christian	Jacksonville, FL
Mark Morgan	5-11	180	McAllen	McAllen, TX
William Prince	6-3	215	Warren Central	Vicksburg, MS
Kenyon Rasheed	5-11	233	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO
Chuck Webb	5-11	195	Macomber-Whitney	Toledo, OH
Kevin Williams	6-1	190	Spring	Spring, TX

UTILITY BACKS

Mike Chalenski	6-5	235	Brearley Regional	Kenilworth, NJ
Darian Hagan	5-10	185	Locke	Los Angeles, CA
Eric Lewandowski	6-3	197	Cathedral Prep	Erie, PA
Patrick Rogan	6-2	218	Urbana	Urbana, OH

WIDE RECEIVERS

Eric Brown	6-3	190	Boling	Boling, TX
Gerald Dixon	6-3	205	Rock Hill	Rock Hill, SC
Ron Johnson	5-9	160	La Marque	La Marque, TX
Carl Pickens	6-3	180	Murphy	Murphy, NC

TIGHT ENDS

Mark Allen	6-2	232	Trumbull	Trumbull, CT
Derek Brown	6-7	235	Merritt Island	Merritt Island, FL
John Dauskurdas	6-6	205	Benet Academy	Lisle, IL
Charles Steward	6-3	225	Valdosta	Valdosta, GA

KICKER

Rob Chura	5-6	150	De Smet Jesuit	St. Louis, MO
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OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Matthew Amacker	6-6	290	MacKenzie	Detroit, MI
Brian Dozier	6-4	280	Chester	Chester, PA
Randy Hall	6-4	275	Halls	Knoxville, TN
Ed King	6-4	270	Central	Phenix City, AL
Lindsey Knapp	6-5	240	Deerfield	Deerfield, IL
Mike Lustyk	6-5	248	Interlake	Bellevue, WA
George Rook	6-5	255	White Plains	White Plains, NY

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Tom Cromartie	6-2	245	Godby	Tallahassee, FL
Mario Johnson	6-5	285	Central	Hazelwood, MO
Chester McGlockton	6-4	275	Whiteville	Whiteville, NC
Paul Moriarty	6-6	270	McCullough	Conroe, TX

LINEBACKERS/DEFENSIVE ENDS

Curtis Bray	6-4	215	Gateway	Monroeville, PA
Tim Canada	6-1	222	Courtland	Spotsylvania, VA
Tony Closson	6-1	235	Jefferson	Delphos, OH
Martin Davis	6-3	225	Indian River	Chesapeake, VA
Carlos Gadson	6-3	230	Hilton head	Hilton Head, SC
Tommy Jeter	6-5	230	Deer Park	Deer Park, TX
Eric Renkey	6-3	235	North Hills	Pittsburgh, PA
Freddie Richardson	6-4	235	Lowndes County	Valdosta, GA

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Courtney Hawkins	5-11	180	Beecher	Flint, MI
Baron Jackson	6-2	190	Southern Lab	Baton Rouge, LA
Arnold Laws	6-1	205	Cordova	R. Cordova, CA
Tyrone Mouzon	6-3	207	Dunedin	Dunedin, FL
Kendall Youngblood	6-4	190	Bonneville	Ogden, UT

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Other seniors to watch

QUARTERBACKS

high school	home town
Gary Adams . . . Central . . . Springfield, MO	
Neal Auer . . . Reynolds . . . Asheville, NC	
Rico Brogna . . . Watertown . . . Watertown, CT	
Ray Canady . . . Irmo . . . Columbia, SC	
Casey Clyce . . . Highland Park . . . Dallas, TX	
Bo Cooper . . . Sanger . . . Sanger, TX	
Dexter Davis . . . Ahoskie . . . Ahoskie, NC	
Paul Emanuel . . . Blairsville . . . Blairsville, PA	
Sedric Fillmore . . . Central . . . Little Rock, AR	
Jon Fontenot . . . Westbrook . . . Westbrook, TX	
Chris Fry . . . Lakeland . . . Lakeland, IN	
Matt Garber . . . Sabetha . . . Sabetha, KS	
Pete Gardere . . . Lee . . . Houston, TX	
Trent Green . . . Vianney . . . St. Louis, MO	
Chris Hall . . . Cocoa . . . Cocoa, FL	
Jim Hartlieb . . . Marian Central . . . Woodstock, IL	
Dean Heavrin . . . Trenton . . . Trenton, MI	
Ryan Hocking . . . Harrison . . . Harrison, OH	
Paul Johnson . . . Cameron . . . Cameron, TX	
Preston Jones . . . Hanna . . . Anderson, SC	
Shawn Jones . . . Thomasville . . . Thomasville, GA	
Brian Lawler . . . Columbia . . . Columbia, SC	
Jeff Lesniewicz . . . Homewood-Flossmoor . . . Homewood, IL	
Michael Little . . . La Marque . . . La Marque, TX	
Gilbert McNeil . . . St. Joseph . . . Montvale, NJ	
Mike Miadich . . . Lakeridge . . . Lake Oswego, OR	
Jeff Mladenich . . . Gig Harbor . . . Gig Harbor, WA	
Jon Morrell . . . Maconaquah . . . Peru, IN	
Matt Nardolillo . . . Randolph . . . Randolph, NJ	
Mike Pfeifer . . . Ferris . . . Spokane, WA	
George Poorman . . . Palatine-Fremd . . . Palatine, IL	
Frank Sifford . . . Carlsbad . . . Carlsbad, NM	
Jim Ulrich . . . Fredonia . . . Fredonia, NY	
Charlie Ward . . . Central . . . Thomasville, GA	
Keith West . . . Sumter . . . Sumter, SC	
Gary Wilkes . . . Monsignor Farrell . . . New York, NY	
Tommy Young . . . Greenwich . . . Greenwich, CT	

RUNNING BACKS

David Arterberry . . . Mullen . . . Denver, CO	
Tyrone Ashley . . . Hialeah . . . Miami, FL	
Walter Bailey . . . Benson Tech . . . Portland, OR	
Vince Barrett . . . Sweet Home . . . Sweet Home, OR	
Darren Bedrian . . . Winter Haven . . . Winter Haven, FL	
Brian Belardi . . . Marquette . . . Milwaukee, WI	
Walter Boyd . . . Orange . . . Hillsborough, NC	
David Brown . . . Leander . . . Leander, TX	
Don Cahill . . . Baker . . . Baker, NY	
Troy Campbell . . . Marathon . . . Marathon, FL	
Chris Carr . . . Hug . . . Reno, NV	
Kaleaph Carter . . . Edison . . . Huntington Beach, CA	
Anthony Cicoria . . . Caledonia-Mumford . . . Caledonia, NY	
Willie Crawford . . . Beverly Hills . . . Beverly Hills, CA	
Shawn Crow . . . Permian . . . Odessa, TX	
Rodney Culver . . . St. Martin DePorres . . . Detroit, MI	
J. D. Davidson . . . Cordova . . . Rancho Cordova, CA	
Arthur Davis . . . South Shore . . . New York, NY	
Tim Day . . . North . . . Fargo, ND	
Tekay Dorsey . . . Immaculata . . . Somerville, NJ	
Todd Douthat . . . Notre Dame . . . Portsmouth, OH	
Greg Farrell . . . Culver Military . . . Culver, IN	
Garrett Ford . . . Morgantown . . . Morgantown, WV	
Lance Frazier . . . Northwest . . . Omaha, NE	
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Andre Henry . . . Frederick . . . Frederick, MD	
Chris Hughley . . . Mount Vernon . . . Mount Vernon, NY	
Chris Hunt . . . Jasper . . . Jasper, TX	
Lewis Jackson . . . Southwest DeKalb . . . Decatur, GA	
John Henry Johnson . . . Highland Park . . . Highland Park, NJ	
Robert Jones . . . Parker . . . Birmingham, AL	
Brandon Jumper . . . Eatonville . . . Eatonville, WA	
Jerald Kennedy . . . Ruston . . . Ruston, LA	
Marvin Lampkin . . . East St. Louis . . . East St. Louis, IL	
Robert Lee . . . Santa Ana . . . Santa Ana, CA	
Tony Lee . . . Wooster . . . Wooster, OH	
Derrick Lewis . . . Rayen . . . Youngstown, OH	
Curtis Lipsey . . . St. Patrick . . . Chicago, IL	
Derrick Malone . . . Fontana . . . Fontana, CA	
Michael McKnight . . . Chillicothe . . . Chillicothe, TX	
Dexter McNabb . . . Walton . . . DeFuniak Springs, FL	
Lew Montgomery . . . East . . . Waterloo, IA	
Butch Moses . . . Lancaster . . . Lancaster, SC	
Craig Murray . . . Hamden . . . Hamden, CT	
Taron Oliver . . . Pinkston . . . Dallas, TX	
Eric Payton . . . Malabar . . . Mansfield, OH	
Gary Perry . . . New Waverly . . . New Waverly, TX	
Marcus Reliford . . . St. Marys . . . Orchard Lake, MI	
Ellery Roberts . . . Chaminade . . . Mineola, NY	
Kirk Robinson . . . Bolles . . . Jacksonville, FL	
Bob Samuels . . . Farrell . . . Farrell, PA	
John Schoenweitz . . . Irondequoit . . . Rochester, NY	
Tracy Scroggins . . . Checotah . . . Checotah, OK	
Sam Seamster . . . Minden . . . Minden, LA	
Derek Shelton . . . Hancock . . . Mt. Vernon, IN	
Adam Shinnick . . . Walpole . . . Walpole, MA	
Jeff Simoneau . . . Smith Center . . . Smith Center, KS	
Terry Smith . . . Hale . . . Tulsa, OK	
Bo Snell . . . Iona Prep . . . New Rochelle, NY	
Keith Taylor . . . Dollarway . . . Little Rock, AR	
Ernie Thompson . . . North . . . Terre Haute, IN	
Rick Turner . . . Susquehanna Township . . . Harrisburg, PA	
Willie Turner . . . Woodrow Wilson . . . Camden, NJ	
Jon Vaughn . . . North . . . McCluer, MO	
Craig Walker . . . Fairdale . . . Fairdale, KY	
Matt Walsh . . . Coughlin . . . Wilkes-Barre, PA	
Gordon Wiley . . . Hartford . . . White River Junction, VT	
Curvin Williams . . . LaPorte . . . LaPorte, TX	
Shawn Wills . . . Hanford . . . Hanford, CA	
Robert Wilson . . . Worthing . . . Houston, TX	
Doak Wishon . . . Grant . . . Oklahoma City, OK	
Jason Wolfe . . . Brother Rice . . . Birmingham, MI	

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Willie Ansley . . . Plainview . . . Plainview, TX	
Eric Atkins . . . Jones . . . Orlando, FL	
Jason Atwood . . . Valley . . . Leander, WY	
Rocky Biegel . . . Wisconsin Rapids . . . Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
Phil Bryant . . . Dematha . . . Hyattsville, MD	
Roger Burnett . . . Broken Arrow . . . Broken Arrow, OK	
Eric Castle . . . Lebanon . . . Lebanon, OR	
Chris Cisar . . . North Hills . . . Pittsburgh, PA	
Keo Coleman . . . Tech . . . Milwaukee, WI	
Tink Collins . . . Ponca City . . . Ponca City, OK	
Ralph Criniti . . . Valley . . . Smithers, WV	
Shannon Crouch . . . Seneca . . . Seneca, MO	
Randy Culbert . . . Central Bucks West . . . Doylestown, PA	
Brian Davis . . . Dawson-Bryant . . . Coal Grove, OH	
Eric Dixon . . . Wayne . . . Huber Heights, OH	
Tre Everett . . . Ballou . . . Washington, DC	
Eric Guliford . . . Peoria . . . Peoria, AZ	
Allen Haller . . . Sexton . . . Lansing, MI	
Corey Harris . . . Davis . . . Indianapolis, IN	
Steve Holland . . . Narragansett . . . Narragansett, RI	
Buster Howe . . . Zanesville . . . Zanesville, OH	
Marc Jones . . . Vista . . . Vista, CA	
Dwayne Knox . . . McKenzie . . . Detroit, MI	
Jason Lancaster . . . Sherman . . . Sherman, TX	
J. J. Lasley . . . Crespi . . . Encino, CA	
Lance Lewis . . . Scott City . . . Scott City, KS	
O. J. McDuffie . . . Hawken . . . Gates Mills, OH	
Rick Meyer . . . Granite Falls . . . Granite Falls, MN	
John Miller . . . Washington . . . Massillon, OH	
Vince Powell . . . Cardinal Gibbons . . . Ft. Lauderdale, FL	
Todd Scott . . . Washburn Rural . . . Topeka, KS	
Rusty Setzer . . . Bishop Noll . . . Hammond, IN	
Ismael Stanley . . . Point Loma . . . Point Loma, CA	
Tom Wade . . . Eldorado . . . Albuquerque, NM	
Todd Youngblood . . . Farmington . . . Farmington, NM	

WIDE RECEIVERS

Tyler Anderson . . . Orem . . . Orem, UT	
Shawn Davis . . . McLain . . . Tulsa, OK	
Matt Fauser . . . Woodruff . . . Peoria, IL	
Garrick Fitzgerald . . . John Marshall . . . Richmond, VA	
Mike Harter . . . Gig Harbor . . . Gig Harbor, WA	
Antonio Johnson . . . Pershing . . . Detroit, MI	
Tony Martin . . . Shelbyville . . . Shelbyville, IN	
Chris Nuss . . . Cedar Falls . . . Cedar Falls, IA	
James Pietrowicz . . . Solvay . . . Solvay, NY	
John Rivers . . . Berkeley . . . Moncks Corner, SC	
Derrick Robinson . . . Meadowdale . . . Dayton, OH	
Bryan Sallier . . . Port Arthur . . . Port Arthur, TX	
Leslie Shepherd . . . Forestville . . . Forestville, MD	
Wayne Simmons . . . Hilton Head . . . Hilton Head, SC	
Carl Stokes . . . Bethel . . . Bethel, WA	
Brian Treggs . . . Carson . . . Carson, CA	
Tony Union . . . Pensacola . . . Pensacola, FL	
Andra Ware . . . Eufala . . . Eufala, AL	
Darwin Webb . . . Lawrence . . . Indianapolis, IN	

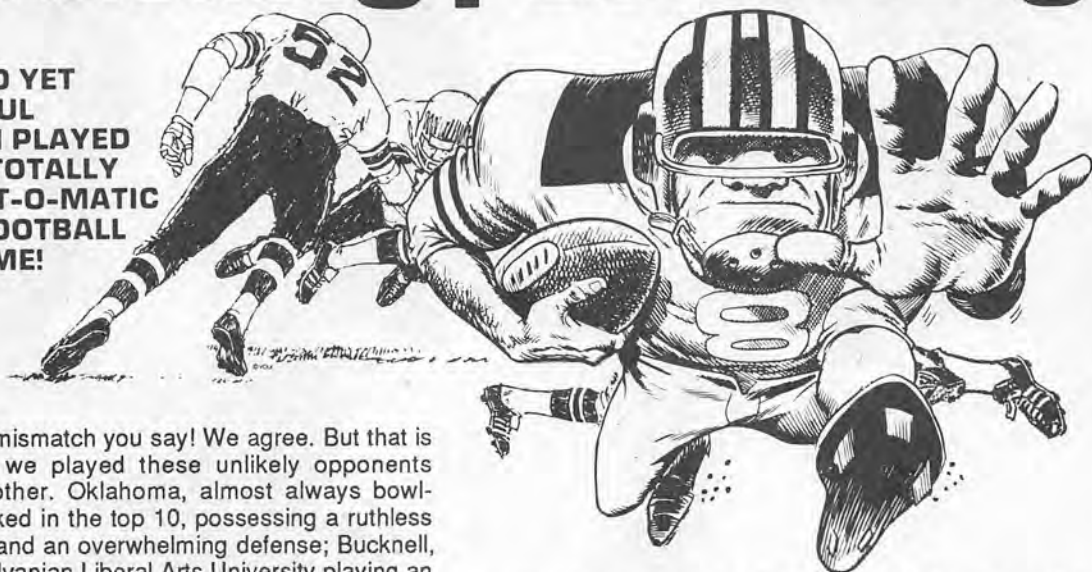
TIGHT ENDS

Craig Brown . . . Kempsville . . . Virginia Beach, VA	
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 Lee Keith... McAlester... McAlester, OK
 Kevin Kirkeide... Bolles... Jacksonville, FL
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 Rondal Tucker... Central... Joliet, IL
 Titus Tuiasosapo... Banning... Wilmington, CA
 Butch Williams... Renton... Renton, WA
 Tony Winburn... McKinney... McKinney, TX
 John Winship... Fairport... Fairport, NY

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Terrence Acey... Woodlawn... Birmingham, AL
 Sam Adams... Sterling... Baytown, TX
 Mike Alexander... Banning... Wilmington, CA
 Eric Bamberger... Ygnacio Valley... Concord, CA
 Charlie Biggurs... Waltrip... Houston, TX
 Lehman Braley... Jefferson... Jefferson, TX
 McKay Brown... Kanab... Kanab, UT
 Chuck Bull... Westfield... Springfield, MA
 Geoffrey Carey... Hermitage... Richmond, VA
 Sam Clacqueno... Butler... Butler, PA
 Tony Delazio... Whitehall... Whitehall, PA
 Mike Devlin... Cherokee... Marlton, NJ
 Rob Doherty... Stevenson... Sterling Heights, MI

Sean Dorsey... St. Edward... Lakewood, OH
 Troy Duke... Lake Taylor... Norfolk, VA
 Omar Ellison... Wyandanch... Wyandanch, NY
 Gordon Engstrom... Academy... Hantden, ME
 Chris Fuller... Longview... Longview, TX
 Rick Fuller... Arroyo... El Monte, CA
 Mark Graves... Sanborn... Sanborn, IA
 Albert Greggs... Lee... Houston, TX
 Mike Gunthrop... Poly... Baltimore, MD
 Justin Hall... Plano... Plano, TX
 Randy Hart... North... Hagerstown, MD
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 Brian Jacobs... Hart... Newhall, CA
 Lance Johnson... Juanite... Kirkland, WA
 Miro Jurkovic... Thornton Fractional... Calumet City, IL
 Pete Kowalski... Central... Toledo, OH
 Ben Lane... Valdosta... Valdosta, GA
 Mike Livorio... Gateway... Monroeville, PA
 Shawn Long... Tucker County... Hambleton, WV
 Bill Lovell... Muldrew... Muldrew, OK
 Jason Mack... Valparaiso... Valparaiso, IN
 Todd McClish... Urbandale... Urbandale, IA
 Brian McClure... Central... West Allis, WI
 Andre McDonald... Waltrip... Houston, TX
 Gene McGuire... Mosley... Panama City, FL
 Todd Muse... Clovis... Clovis, NM
 Greg Nemynski... West Islip... West Islip, NY
 Brian Panacek... Cypress-Fairbanks... Houston, TX
 Kevin Parchinski... Melbourne... Melbourne, FL
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 Mike Reaves... Checotah... Checotah, OK
 Bill Schaffer... Boardman... Boardman, OH
 Paul Sherrick... Middletown... Middletown, OH
 Mike Simonsic... Los Alamos... Los Alamos, NM
 Dexter Smith... Northwest... Wichita, KS
 Ray Smoot... Leesville... Leesville, LA

Chris Stogdill... Charles City... Charles City, IA
 Mike Stowell... Meridian... Meridian, ID
 Trey Tipples... Snyder... Snyder, TX
 Ted Velicer... Preble... Green Bay, WI
 Kip Vickers... Tarpon Springs... Tarpon Springs, FL
 Carl Voss... Marshall... Rochester, MN
 James Warren... Deer Park... Deer Park, TX
 Brent Welborne... Vestavia Hills... Vestavia Hills, AL
 Duane Williams... Springville... Springville, UT
 John Williams... Escambia... Pensacola, FL
 George Wilson... Lanier... Bessemer, AL
 John Woodlock... Washington... Massillon, OH
 Eric Zubovic... Frazier... Perryopolis, PA

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 David Bateman... Alamosa... Alamosa, CO
 David Battle... J.O. Johnson... Huntsville, AL
 Al Bellamy... Conway... Conway, SC
 Madison Bradley... Cleveland Hill... Buffalo, NY
 Matt Bredburg... Wasilla... Wasilla, AK
 Selwyn Bright... Rock Hill... Rock Hill, SC
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 Verdis Brown... Mount Carmel... Chicago, IL
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 Mike Ferroni... Union... Union, NJ
 Jim Hannon... North... Naperville, IL
 Len Hartman... LaBrea... Leavittsburg, OH
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Ladd Wessels...LaSalle...Cedar Rapids, IA

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Freddie Brown...Roosevelt...St. Louis, MO
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Shazzon Bradley...McMinn County...Englewood, TN

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Shane Carni...Liverpool...Liverpool, NY
Gary Casper...Mount Carmel...Chicago, IL
Todd Collins...Jefferson County...Dandridge, TN
Troy Dennison...Sentinel...Missoula, MT
Curt Douglas...Lincoln County...Lincolnton, GA
Mike Edwards...Marion-Franklin...Columbus, OH
Dan Footman...Hillsborough...Tampa, FL
Ivory Gethers...John's Island...John's Island, SC
Jim Hinckley...De La Salle...Concord, CA
Martin Houston...Cherokee...Centre, AL
Sherwood Jones...Hampton...Hampton, VA
Greg Kordas...De La Salle...Chicago, IL
Mike Maddie...Troy...Troy, MI
Shane Mains...Havre de Grace...Havre de Grace, MD
Curt Mallory...South...Bloomington, IN
Larry McDaniels...East...Hazelwood, MO
Dereck Moore...Meadowdale...Dayton, OH
Derrick Oden...Hillcrest...Tuscaloosa, AL
Rodney Pedraza...Cuero...Cuero, TX
Mike Petko...Servite...Anaheim, CA
Bill Pisano...Baldwinsville...Baldwinsville, NY
Jeremy Pochop...Battle Creek...Battle Creek, NE
Jason Pohopek...Dover...Dover, NH
Josh Price...Loyola...Los Angeles, CA
Zach Samuel...Manatee...Bradenton, FL
Demetrimus Shaw...Ponca City...Ponca City, OK
Keith Short...East Orange...East Orange, NJ
Terrill Simmons...Norview...Norfolk, VA
Michael Smalls...Eisenhower...Rialto, CA
Joel Soldinger...Killian...Miami, FL
Brett Wallerstedt...Manhattan...Manhattan, KS
Brett Wright...McDonough...Pomfret, MD

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Tommy Adams...Capistrano Valley...Mission Viejo, CA
Stephon Banks...Courtland...Spotsylvania, VA
Eric Bellamy...Matawan...Matawan, NJ

Ricky Blocker...Washington...Tulsa, OK
Eric Booker...Valley...New Kensington, PA
Vince Clark...Rio Grande...Rio Grande, NM
Chad Cunningham...Divine Child...Dearborn, MI
Jerome Fuller...Waltham...Waltham, MA
Dewey Haney...Peninsula...Gig Harbor, WA
Tom Harkrader...Middletown...Middletown, OH
Lamont Hollingquest...Pius X...Downey, CA
Bart James...McClintock...Tempe, AZ
Graylin Johnson...Austin...Port Arthur, TX
Bobby Joyce...Santa Ana...Santa Ana, CA
Doug Lawrence...Susquehanna Township...Harrisburg, PA
Corey Lewis...Gallatin...Gallatin, TN
Wayne Lewis...St. Louis...Honolulu, HI
Curtis Long...Summerville...Summerville, SC
Brian Mayfield...Big Spring...Big Spring, TX
Sandro Mayo...American Heritage...Plantation, FL
Fredrick McCline...Forrest City...Forrest City, AR
Antoine Moore...Hempstead, NY...Hempstead, NY
Chris Simmons...Spartanburg...Spartanburg, SC
David Smith...Boise...Boise, ID
Dexter Thompson...Stevenson...New York, NY
Kevin Tiffie...Southside...Fort Smith, AR
Dan Wharton...Dickinson...Dickinson, DE

KICKERS

Mike Baker...Coronado...Coronado, CO
Dave Dzikowski...Cardinal Newman...West Palm Beach, FL
Chris Gardocki...Redan...Decatur, GA
B.J. Green...Northwest Guilford...Guilford, NC
Hamp Greene...Academy...Montgomery, AL
John Herrington...Harrison County...Cynthiana, KY
Mark Johnson...Ripley...Ripley, WV
Robert Phillips...Bishop Carroll...Wichita, KS
Pete Raether...Edina...Edina, MN
Trent Thompson...Chinle...Chinle, AZ
Shane Volkman...Lake Stevens...Lake Stevens, WA

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The cream of the 1987 college frosh

Where the top 1986 prep seniors signed

QUARTERBACKS

	home town	college
Matt Blundin	Folsom, PA	Virginia
Jim Bonds	Newhall, CA	UCLA
Eric Bush	Quincy, IL	Michigan
Ty Detmer	San Antonio, TX	Brigham Young
Darnell Dickerson	Detroit, MI	Pittsburgh
Craig Erickson	West Palm Beach, FL	Miami
Kenny Ford	Port Arthur, TX	Oklahoma State
Kent Graham	Wheaton, IL	Notre Dame
Willie Hicks	Concord, MA	Boston College
Brad Johnson	Swannanoa, NC	Florida St.
Mickey Joseph	Marrero, LA	Nebraska
Andy Kelly	Evansville, TN	Tennessee
Deems May	Lexington, NC	North Carolina
Wilbur Odom	San Antonio, TX	Michigan
Jason Palumbis	Lake Oswego, OR	Stanford
Kerwin Price	East St. Louis, IL	Arkansas
Matt Rodgers	Walpole, MA	Iowa
Scott Schaffner	Cincinnati, OH	Minnesota
Warren Stith	Hempstead, NY	Syracuse

RECEIVERS

Terrence Barber	Auburndale, FL	Florida
Corey Booker	Old Tappan, NJ	Stanford
Dave Diebolt	Mayfield, OH	Michigan
Jeff Ellis	Louisville, KY	Ohio State
Frank Jacobs	Newport, KY	Notre Dame
Dan Lohmeier	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
Anthony Morgan	Cleveland, OH	Tennessee
Gus Palma	Brookhaven, NY	Illinois
Von Reeves	Knoxville, TN	Tennessee
Freddie Renken	Charleston, SC	North Carolina
Patrick Rowe	San Diego, CA	San Diego State
Derek Russell	Little Rock, AR	Arkansas
Steve Stutsman	Daingerfield, TX	Baylor
Nate Turner	Chicago, IL	Nebraska
Fallon Wacasey	Kansas, OK	Tulsa
Johnny Walker	San Antonio, TX	Texas
Tripp Welbourne	Greensboro, NC	Michigan

KICKERS

Richie Andrews	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Florida State
Philip Doyle	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
John Kasay	Athens, GA	Georgia
Andy Locke	Austin, TX	Texas
Colin Mackie	Columbia, SC	South Carolina
Larry Sullivan	Elgin, IL	Purdue

RUNNING BACKS/DEFENSIVE BACKS

Eric Bieniemy	La Puente, CA	Colorado
Tommy Booker	Vista, CA	San Diego State
Danny Boyd	Norristown, PA	Pittsburgh
Gary Brown	Williamsport, PA	Penn State
Eugene Burkholder	Long Beach, CA	Washington
Kirk Collins	La Marque, TX	Arkansas
Mike Delwiche	Troy, OH	Boston College
Mike Dingle	Moncks Corner, SC	South Carolina
Vaughn Dunbar	Fort Wayne, IN	Indiana
Leodis Flowers	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
Jeff Graham	Kettering, OH	Ohio State
Terrance Harshaw	Little Rock, AR	Arkansas
George Hemingway	Colton, CA	Colorado
Tony Kennedy	Elizabeth, NJ	Clemson
Darren Lewis	Dallas, TX	Texas A&M
Scott Lockwood	Boulder, CO	Southern Cal

Cedric McKinnon	Coral Gables, FL	Auburn
Ryan Mihalko	Derry, NH	Notre Dame
Marvin Pollard	Wilmington, CA	Southern Cal
Louis Riddick	Perkasie, PA	Pittsburgh
Leonard Russell	Long Beach, CA	Arizona State
Randy Simmons	McKinney, TX	Texas A&M
Emmitt Smith	Pensacola, FL	Florida
Carlos Snow	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State
John Stewart	Hinesville, GA	Auburn
Leroy Thompson	Knoxville, TN	Penn State
Larry Ware	Montgomery, AL	Georgia
James Watkins	Olathe, KS	Arizona State
Ricky Watters	Harrisburg, PA	Notre Dame

INTERIOR LINEMEN

Scott Adell	Asheville, NC	North Carolina State
Joe Allen	Chicago, IL	Notre Dame
Norman Balentine	Hazelwood, MO	Notre Dame
Mike Brandon	Perry, FL	Florida
Charles Collins	Chicago, IL	Minnesota
Brad Culpepper	Tallahassee, FL	Florida
Stacey Dillard	Clarksville, TX	Oklahoma
Dean Dingman	East Troy, WI	Michigan
Kelvin Hankins	Camden, NJ	Clemson
Jeff Huff	Deer Park, TX	Texas A&M
Gary Isakson	Apple Valley, MN	Minnesota
Claude Jones	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Miami
Brian Kelly	Torrance, CA	UCLA
Matt McCall	Lufkin, TX	Texas A&M
Mark Moore	Charleston, WV	Tennessee
Glenn Neely	Olive Branch, MS	Florida
Rob Phenix	Rosemount, MN	TCU
Terrance Powe	Wilmington, CA	Washington
John Ray	Charleston, WV	West Virginia
David Rocker	Atlanta, GA	Auburn
Bill Schoenle	Williamsville, NY	Tennessee
Steve Scoggins	Apopka, FL	Florida
Ryan Shea	Sacramento, CA	Stanford
Paul Siever	Downingtown, PA	Penn State
Greg Skrepnak	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Michigan
Scott Spalding	El Toro, CA	UCLA
Dwayne Spann	LaPorte, TX	Arkansas
Marc Spindler	Scranton, PA	Pittsburgh
Dave Turner	Clinton, IA	Iowa
Matt Young	Baker, LA	Tulane

LINEBACKERS/DEFENSIVE ENDS

Tony Briningstool	Northville, MI	Michigan State
Matt Britton	Miami, FL	Miami
Corey Brown	Inglewood, CA	Washington
Jeff Christy	Freeport, PA	Pittsburgh
Matt Darby	Virginia Beach, VA	UCLA
John Derby	Oconomowoc, WI	Iowa
Mark D'Onofrio	North Bergen, NJ	Penn State
Andre Farr	Richmond, CA	UCLA
Sean Howard	Encino, CA	UCLA
John Johnson	LaGrange, GA	Clemson
Andre Jones	Hyattsville, MD	Notre Dame
Keith McCants	Mobile, AL	Alabama
Corey Miller	Pageland, SC	South Carolina
Tim Ryan	Kansas City, MO	Notre Dame
Junior Seau	Oceanside, CA	Southern Cal
Pat Stant	New Orleans, LA	Tulane
Keith Traylor	Malvern, AR	Junior college
Jerrold Vance	Massillon, OH	Penn State
Steve Webb	Holt, AL	Alabama
Ricky Williams	Detroit, MI	Minnesota

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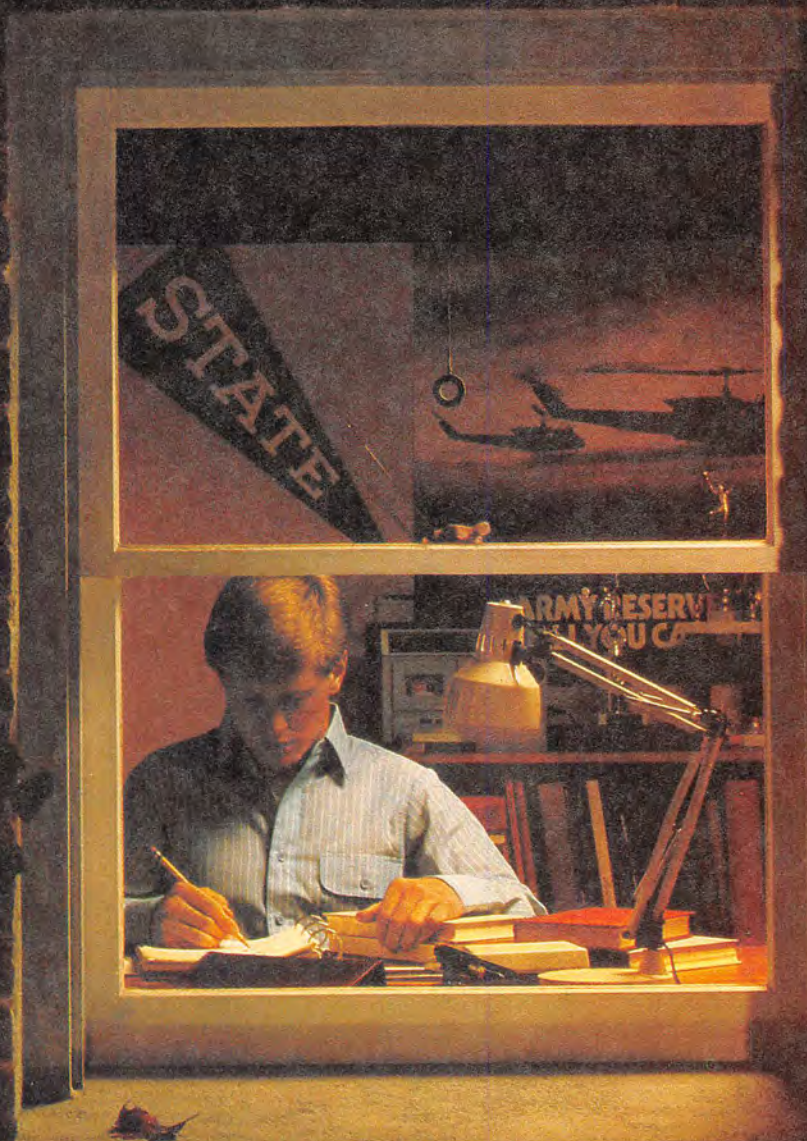
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FINAL DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg
Paul Palmer, Temple	SR	11	1866	110	0	657	2633	239.36
Rick Calhoun, Cal St. Fullerton	SR	12	1398	125	138	522	2183	181.92
Tim Brown, Notre Dame	SO	12	1471	201	0	344	2016	176.09
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	JR	11	1058	371	0	384	1813	164.82
Gary Patton, Eastern Mich.	SR	10	1188	445	0	0	1633	163.30
Troy Stradford, Boston College	JR	11	104	1106	190	377	1777	161.55
Sterling Sharpe, South Caro	JR	11	1532	203	0	0	1735	157.73
Kelvin Farmer, Toledo	SR	11	1419	289	0	0	1708	155.27
Steve Bartalo, Colorado St.	SR	9	933	280	0	19	1643	149.36
Chuck Smith, Navy	SR	11	1325	299	0	89	1624	147.64
Reggie Taylor, Cincinnati	SR	11	1112	423	0	0	1618	147.09
George Swann, Miami (Ohio)	JR	11	1053	565	0	0	1422	142.44
Brad Muster, Stanford	SO	9	1104	23	0	155	1282	141.82
Rodney Stevenson, Central Michigan	JR	11	1039	240	0	114	1552	141.09
Jamie Morris, Michigan	FR	11	1240	198	0	46	1512	137.45
Darrell Thompson, Minnesota	SR	11	1391	46	0	0	1372	137.20
Brent Fullwood, Auburn	SO	10	1250	122	0	0	1469	133.55
Derrick Fenner, North Caro	JR	11	1117	352	0	0	1466	133.27
Kenny Jackson, San Jose St.	FR	11	544	236	0	686	1466	131.45
Derek Loville, Oregon	SO	11	380	162	136	768	1446	126.82
Chris Warren, Virginia	SR	11	872	61	0	462	1395	126.82
Eddie Hunter, Virginia Tech	SR	11	0	474	184	735	1393	126.64
Kendall Smith, Utah St.	SO	11	0	474	184	735	1393	126.64

TOTAL OFFENSE

	car	gain	rushing	passing	total offense
Mike Perez, San Jose St.	41	141	106	35	384
Todd Ellis, South Caro.	96	221	266	-45	340
Cody Carlson, Baylor	107	535	179	356	287
Sammy Garza, UTEP	93	205	343	-138	410
Vinny Testaverde, Miami	46	131	234	-103	276
Mike Elkins, Wake Forest	20	23	121	-98	380
Dan Henning, Maryland	65	171	215	-44	353
Terrence Jones, Tulane	158	780	233	547	284
Erik Wilhelm, Oregon St.	75	122	328	-206	470
Larry Egger, Utah	46	41	177	-136	382
Danny McCoon, Cincinnati	70	59	305	-246	369
Chris Miller, Oregon	74	269	223	46	356
Jeff Graham, Long Beach St.	71	58	454	-396	426
Bret Stafford, Texas	89	384	145	239	329
Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	87	350	222	128	350
Todd Santos, San Diego St.	74	78	402	-324	350
Kelly Stouffer, Colorado St.	56	68	282	-214	374
Dave Yarema, Michigan St.	42	35	257	-222	297
Don McPherson, Syracuse	191	808	285	523	269
Don Smith, Mississippi St.	159	883	143	740	244
Kevin Murray, Texas A&M	44	52	167	-115	349
Gregg Tipton, Hawaii	75	160	257	-97	377
Ned James, New Mexico	150	705	178	527	215

*Touchdowns responsible for

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
(Min. 15 att. per game)	SR	10	276	175	63.41	9	3.26	2557	9.26	26	9.42
Vinny Testaverde, Miami	SR	12	254	167	65.75	8	3.15	2557	10.07	10	3.94
Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	SR	11	297	200	67.34	11	3.70	2581	8.69	16	5.39
Dave Yarema, Michigan St.	SR	10	258	159	61.63	6	2.33	2090	8.10	17	6.59
Shawn Halloran, Boston College	SR	9	152	93	61.18	4	2.63	1234	8.12	9	5.92
Mark Vlasic, Iowa	FR	11	288	175	60.76	8	2.78	2261	7.85	19	6.60
Tom Hodson, Louisiana St.	SO	11	233	150	64.38	6	2.58	1946	8.35	9	3.86
Jeff Francis, Tennessee	SR	11	203	117	57.64	7	3.45	1727	8.51	12	5.91
Lee Saltz, Temple	SR	11	239	144	60.25	11	4.60	1988	8.32	15	6.28
Jeff Van Raaphorst, Arizona St.	SR	11	215	125	58.14	8	3.72	1777	8.27	14	6.51
Ned James, New Mexico	FR	11	340	205	60.29	22	6.47	3020	8.88	20	5.88
Todd Ellis, South Caro.	JR	11	176	110	62.50	7	2.70	2211	8.54	13	5.02
Mark Maye, North Caro.	SR	11	259	151	58.30	7	2.70	2211	8.54	13	5.02
Steve Beuerlein, Notre Dame	SR	11	308	193	62.66	10	3.25	2365	7.68	19	6.17
Terry Morris, Miami (Ohio)	SR	11	251	151	60.16	6	2.39	1995	7.95	13	5.18
Ron Adams, Eastern Mich.	JR	11	284	160	56.34	9	3.17	2363	8.32	15	5.28
Kevin Sweeney, Fresno St.	SR	11	382	233	60.99	9	2.36	2761	7.23	21	5.50
Larry Egger, Utah	SR	12	410	258	62.93	19	4.63	3140	7.66	21	5.12
Sammy Garza, UTEP	JR	11	369	237	64.23	13	4.73	1994	7.25	20	7.27
Danny McCoon, Cincinnati	JR	11	275	160	58.18	13	4.73	1994	7.25	20	7.27
Chris Chandler, Washington	JR	10	181	100	55.25	6	3.31	1475	8.15	9	4.97
James Jackson, Georgia	JR	11	349	212	60.74	8	2.29	2463	7.06	17	4.87
Kevin Murray, Texas A&M	JR	10	350	218	62.29	11	3.14	2553	7.29	14	4.00
Todd Santos, San Diego St.	JR	10	350	218	62.29	11	3.14	2553	7.29	14	4.00

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	ld	yds pg
Paul Palmer, Temple	SR	11	346	1866	5.4	15	169.64
Kelvin Farmer, Toledo	SR	11	299	1532	5.1	16	139.27
Steve Bartalo, Colorado St.	SR	11	366	1419	3.9	19	129.00
Brent Fullwood, Auburn	SO	10	200	1250	6.3	6	125.00
Derrick Fenner, North Caro	SO	9	208	1104	5.3	14	122.67
Rodney Stevenson, Central Mich.	SO	12	236	1471	6.2	15	122.58
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	SR	11	256	1325	5.2	11	120.45
Reggie Taylor, Cincinnati	SR	10	218	1188	5.4	10	118.80
Troy Stradford, Boston College	SR	12	259	1398	5.4	11	116.50
Rick Calhoun, Cal St. Fullerton	SR	12	220	1139	5.2	14	113.90
Gaston Green, UCLA	FR	11	217	1240	5.7	10	106.91
Darrell Thompson, Minnesota	SR	11	180	1176	6.5	10	106.91
Terrence Flagler, Clemson	SR	11	238	1175	4.9	7	106.82
David Adams, Arizona	JR	9	190	933	4.9	10	103.67
Chuck Smith, Navy	JR	11	262	1117	4.3	12	101.55
Kenny Jackson, San Jose St.	SR	11	251	1112	4.4	5	101.09
George Swann, Miami (Ohio)	JR	11	244	1075	4.4	15	97.73
Tory Crawford, Army	SO	11	170	1058	6.3	4	96.73
Derrick Elkins, Tulsa	JR	11	210	1058	5.0	6	96.18
Gary Patton, Eastern Mich.	SR	10	220	960	4.4	10	96.00
Brad Muster, Stanford	JR	11	243	1053	4.3	12	95.73
Roger Vitek, Texas Christian	JR	9	122	861	7.1	8	95.67
Tony Jeffery, Texas Christian	JR	9	122	861	7.1	8	95.67

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	ptpg
Steve Bartalo, Colorado St.	SR	11	19	0	0	114	10.36
Rodney Stevenson, Central Mich.	SO	9	14	0	0	84	9.33
Lars Tate, Georgia	JR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Scott Slater, Texas A&M	FR	11	0	37	21	100	9.09
Gary Coston, Arizona	SR	11	0	34	21	97	8.82
Tim Lashar, Oklahoma	SR	11	0	60	12	96	8.73
Barry Belli, Fresno St.	SR	11	0	33	21	96	8.73
Kelvin Farmer, Toledo	SR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	SO	12	17	2	0	104	8.67
Chris Kinzer, Virginia Tech	SO	11	0	27	22	93	8.45
Jeff Jaeger, Washington	SR	11	0	42	17	93	8.45
Gaston Green, UCLA	JR	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Keith Jones, Nebraska	JR	11	15	2	0	92	8.36
Tory Crawford, Army	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Tom Graham, Miami (Ohio)	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Paul Palmer, Temple	JR	9	12	0	0	72	8.00
Chuck Smith, Navy	JR	11	0	42	15	87	7.91
Gary Gussman, Miami (Ohio)	SR	11	0	24	21	87	7.91
John Carney, Notre Dame	SR	11	0	42	15	87	7.91
Kent Bostrom, Arizona St.	SO	11	0	41	15	86	7.82
Derek Schmidt, Florida St.	JR	11	0	41	15	86	7.82
Sergio Olivarez, San Jose St.	SO	12	15	0	0	90	7.50
John Harvey, UTEP	SO	12	15	0	0	90	7.50

RECEIVING

	cl	g	no	yds	ld	no pg
Mark Templeton, Long Beach St.	SR	11	99	688	2	9.00
Loren Richey, Utah	JR	9	67	775	6	7.44
Wendell Davis, Louisiana St.	JR	11	80	1244	11	7.27
Dave Montagne, Oregon St.	SR	11	78	862	2	7.09
Sterling Sharpe, South Caro	JR	11	74	1106	10	6.73
Guy Liggins, San Jose St.	JR	11	72	983	6	6.55
Marc Zeno, Tulane	SR	11	68	1033	7	6.18
James Brim, Wake Forest	SR	11	66	930	5	6.00
Rod Bernstine, Texas A&M	SR	11	65	710	5	5.91
Craig McEwen, Utah	SR	11	64	721	7	5.82
Jeff James, Stanford	JR	9	52	779	8	5.78
Tom Compernelle, Ohio	SR	11	61	655	4	5.55
Brad Muster, Stanford	JR	11	61	814	7	5.45
Brad Muster, Stanford	SO	11	60	814	7	5.45
Terance Mathis, New Mexico	SO	10	53	955	10	5.30
Cris Carter, Ohio St.	SO	10	53	955	10	5.30
Lalo Malaulu, San Jose St.	SR	11	55	569	4	5.00
Ricky George, Ball St.	SR	11	54	966	5	4.91
Andre Rison, Michigan St.	SO	11	53	868	11	4.82
Mike Irvin, Miami	SR	9	43	585	3	4.78
Kelly Spielman, Western Mich.	SR	9	43	585	3	4.78
Jeffrey Jacobs, So. Methodist	JR	11	52	692	4	4.73
Keith Woodsides, Texas A&M	JR	11	52	603	5	4.73

PUNTING

	cl	no	avg
(Min. 3.6 per game)	SR	49	47.20
Greg Home, Arkansas	FR	48	46.13
Alexander Waits, Texas	SO	59	46.05
Chris Becker, Texas Christian	JR	57	45.60
Barry Helton, Colorado	SR	57	44.25
Bill Smith, Mississippi	SO	49	44.10
Brian Shulman, Auburn	SO	41	44.10
Cris Carpenter, Georgia	SR	49	43.73
Mike Preacher, Oregon	SR	63	43.71
Mark Simon, Air Force	SO	50	43.60
Tom Tupa, Ohio State	JR	60	43.33
Ron Keller, New Mexico	JR	67	42.91
Scott Cepicky, Wisconsin	JR	70	42.91
Herick Mandel, Utah State	SR	50	42.82
Jim Fox, Syracuse	SO	47	42.79
Harold Barkale, UCLA	SR	59	42.63
Dodge Carter, So. Methodist	SR	55	42.36
Kelly Hollodick, North Caro. St.	SR	81	42.25
Rick Frank, Iowa State	JR	52	42.19
Scott Tabor, California	JR	43	42.09
Bob Garmon, Tennessee	JR	46	42.02
Matt DeFrank, Louisiana St.	JR	46	42.02

Brad Muster



FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	fgpg
Chris Kinzer, Virginia Tech	SO	11	27	22	.815	2.00
Gary Coston, Arizona	FR	11	24	21	.875	1.91
Scott Slater, Texas A&M	JR	11	27	21	.778	1.91
John Carney, Notre Dame	JR	11	31	21	.677	1.91
Barry Belli, Fresno St.	SR	11	23	19	.826	1.73
John Duvic, Northwestern	SR	11	24	19	.792	1.73
Steve Deline, Colorado St.	SR	11	21	17	.810	1.55
Jeff Jaeger, Washington	SR	11	23	17	.739	1.55
John Dietrich, Ball St.	JR	11	25	17	.680	1.55
Joe Worley, Kentucky	SO	11	25	17	.680	1.55
Bryan Lowe, Boston College	SO	11	25	17	.680	1.55

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	ipg
Bennie Blades, Miami	JR	11	10	128	0	.91
Teddy Johnson, Oregon St.	SO	11	9	86	0	.82
Toi Cook, Stanford	SR	9	7	115	0	.78
Ron Francis, Baylor	SR	11	8	25	0	.73
Elton Slater, Southwestern La.	SR	11	8	1	0	.73
Jim King, Colorado St.	SR	11	7	83	0	.64
Ed Hulbert, Oregon	SR	11	7	48	0	.64
Chris Wagner, Eastern Mich.	FR	11	7	17	0	.64
Jeff Wilcox, Brigham Young	SR	12	7	110	0	.58

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Rod Smith, Nebraska	JR	112	227	1	18.92
K. Hampton, Long Beach St.	SR	24	363	2	15.13
Riccardo Ingram, Ga. Tech.	JR	16	233	0	14.56
Jeff Joseph, Arizona St.	JR	15	212	0	14.13
Milt Garner, Kansas	JR	14	193	2	13.79
Tyrone Thurman, Tex. Tech.	SO	33	444	2	13.45
Dana Brinson, Nebraska	SO	27	340	0	12.59
Kelvin Martin, Boston College	SR	27	222	1	12.33
Thomas Henley, Stanford	SR	18	222	1	12.17
A. Mott, Southern Miss.	SR	29	353	1	12.17
Patrick Collins, Oklahoma	SR	36	438	1	12.06
Patrick Collins, Oklahoma	JR	17	205	1	12.06
Jerry Craine, Memphis St.	FR	14	160	0	11.43
D. Hollis, Nev.-Las Vegas	SR	25	282	0	11.28
Thomas Woods, Tennessee	FR	18	203	0	11.28
Chance Conner, Army	FR	17	190	0	11.18
Peter Marciano, Iowa	SO	26	286	1	11.00

†Declared champion; with two more returns (making 1.2 per game) for zero yards still would have highest average.

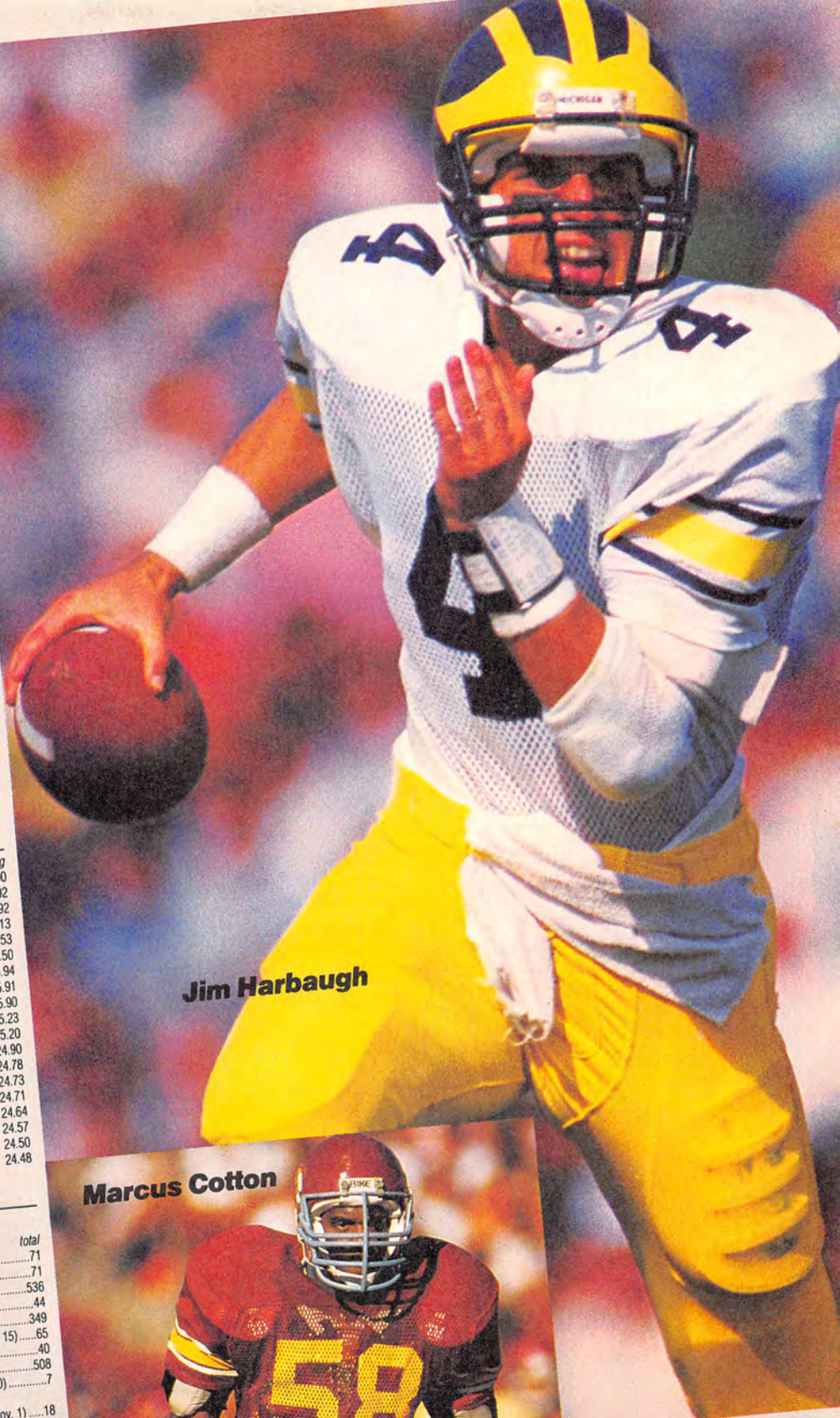
KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Terrance Roulhac, Clemson	SR	17	561	0	33.00
Blair Thomas, Penn St.	SO	12	383	1	31.92
Tim Brown, Notre Dame	JR	25	698	2	27.92
Steve Jones, Washington	SO	15	407	0	27.13
Keith Jones, Illinois	SO	15	398	0	26.53
Keith Ross, Florida St.	SO	22	583	1	26.50
Chris Thomas, Miami (Ohio)	JR	17	441	1	25.94
Vince Delgado, California	JR	11	285	0	25.91
Tom Rotello, Air Force	JR	20	518	0	25.90
Lonnie White, Southern Cal.	SR	26	656	0	25.23
Alan Edwards, Army	SR	25	630	0	25.20
Sammy Seals, Memphis St.	SO	21	523	0	24.90
C. Duncan, Northwestern	SR	18	446	0	24.78
Michael Robinson, Miss. St.	SR	26	643	0	24.73
M.J. Nelson, Colorado	FR	21	519	0	24.71
Nate Odomes, Wisconsin	FR	21	519	0	24.71
G. Thomas, Nev.-Las Vegas	SR	25	616	0	24.64
Rod Woodson, Purdue	JR	14	344	0	24.57
Slacy Dawsey, Indiana	SR	30	735	1	24.50
	SR	21	514	0	24.48

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

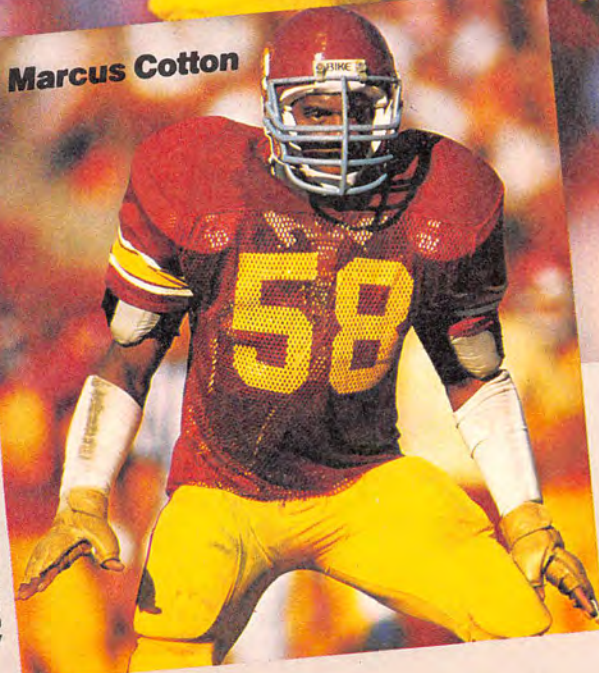
PLAYER

	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Rushing and passing		
Rushing and passing yards	Ned James, New Mexico (Wyoming, Nov. 1)	71
	Erik Wilhelm, Oregon St. (Michigan, Sept. 20)	71
	Mike Perez, San Jose St. (Pacific, Oct. 25)	536
Rushing and passing yards	Paul Palmer, Temple (Virginia Tech, Oct. 18)	44
Rushing plays	Paul Palmer, Temple (East Carolina, Oct. 11)	349
Net rushing yards	Craig Burnett, Wyoming (San Diego St., Nov. 15)	65
Passes attempted	Larry Egger, Utah (UTEP, Nov. 29)	40
Passes completed	Mike Perez, San Jose St. (Pacific, Oct. 25)	508
Passing yards	Sammy Garza, UTEP (Northern Mich., Aug. 30)	7
Touchdown passes		
Receiving and returns		
Receiving yards	Mark Templeton, Long Beach St. (Utah St., Nov. 1)	18
Receiving yards	Terance Mathis, New Mexico (Wyoming, Nov. 1)	238
Interceptions	Jim King, Colorado St. (Wyoming, Oct. 25)	4
Punt-return yards	Anthony Parker, Arizona St. (Southern Methodist, Sept. 20)	148
	Mike Fischer, Pacific (UC Davis, Oct. 4)	217
Kickoff-return yards		
Scoring		
Field goals made	Chris Kinzer, Virginia Tech (Vanderbilt, Nov. 15)	5
TEAM		
Net rushing yards	Oklahoma (Missouri, Nov. 8)	681
Passing yards	San Jose St. (Pacific, Oct. 25)	508
Rushing and passing yards	Oklahoma (Missouri, Nov. 8)	750
Fewest rushing yards allowed	Oklahoma (Kansas, Nov. 1)	52
Fewest rushing yards allowed	Oklahoma (Louisiana Tech, Sept. 13)	56
Fewest rush-pass yards allowed	Baylor (Louisiana Tech, Sept. 13)	65
Passes attempted	Wyoming (San Diego St., Nov. 15)	40
Passes completed	Utah (UTEP, Nov. 29)	40
Points scored	Oklahoma (Missouri, Nov. 8)	77



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FINAL DIVISION
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RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Oklahoma	11	719	4452	6.2	51	404.7
Nebraska	11	656	3360	5.1	40	305.5
Tulsa	11	652	3184	4.9	24	289.5
Central Michigan	10	591	2798	4.7	26	279.8
Army	11	689	3042	4.4	33	276.5
Clemson	11	648	3007	4.6	28	273.4
Pacific	11	677	2960	4.4	22	269.1
Alabama	12	585	3167	5.4	25	263.9
Georgia	11	596	2802	4.7	24	254.7
North Carolina	11	553	2777	5.0	16	252.5
Colorado	11	620	2765	4.5	26	251.4
Arkansas	11	668	2721	4.1	30	247.4
Auburn	11	518	2687	5.2	35	244.3
Penn St.	11	574	2647	4.6	28	240.6
Air Force	11	665	2559	3.8	21	232.6
Texas Christian	11	558	2557	4.6	22	232.5
Minnesota	11	545	2523	4.6	19	229.4
Arizona	11	559	2412	4.3	19	219.3
Michigan	12	609	2550	4.2	34	212.5
Arizona St.	11	549	2316	4.2	25	210.5

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Oklahoma	11	408	668	1.6	1	60.7
San Jose St.	11	387	724	1.9	4	65.8
Penn St.	11	383	767	2.0	5	69.7
Arizona	11	392	928	2.4	9	84.4
Baylor	11	396	977	2.5	11	88.8
Brigham Young	12	439	1066	2.4	12	88.9
Washington	11	400	978	2.4	10	88.9
Pittsburgh	11	433	1027	2.4	8	93.4
Nebraska	11	442	1051	2.4	7	95.5
Fresno St.	11	462	1097	2.4	4	99.7
Stanford	11	406	1114	2.7	11	101.3
Iowa	11	425	1129	2.7	7	102.6
Clemson	11	365	1139	3.1	8	103.5
Michigan St.	11	417	1176	2.8	7	106.9
Texas A&M	11	441	1222	2.8	14	111.1
Hawaii	12	460	1350	2.9	15	112.5
Michigan	12	393	1352	3.4	10	112.7
Arizona St.	11	416	1291	3.1	11	117.4
Notre Dame	11	427	1314	3.1	13	119.5
Auburn	11	409	1325	3.2	5	120.5
Ball St.	11	446	1343	3.0	15	122.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td	yds pg
San Jose St.	11	909	5295	5.8	43	481.36
Oklahoma	11	807	5210	6.5	58	473.64
Texas A&M	11	895	4842	5.4	39	440.18
New Mexico	12	897	5269	5.9	42	439.08
Baylor	11	889	4827	5.4	34	438.82
North Carolina	11	822	4796	5.8	34	436.00
Michigan	12	870	5175	5.9	44	431.25
Utah	11	823	4684	5.7	35	425.82
Iowa	11	772	4628	6.0	42	420.73
Auburn	11	766	4580	6.0	45	416.36
Tulsa	11	825	4554	5.5	35	414.00
Louisiana St.	11	800	4544	5.7	32	412.18
Miami	11	754	4534	6.0	53	411.55
Notre Dame	11	842	4527	5.4	32	411.55
Wyoming	12	949	4929	5.2	38	410.75
South Carolina	11	778	4499	5.8	39	409.00
Pacific	11	882	4477	5.1	32	407.00
Arizona	11	807	4467	5.5	43	406.09
Brigham Young	12	890	4843	5.4	34	403.58
Tulane	11	805	4438	5.5	30	403.45

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Oklahoma	11	671	1866	2.8	8	169.6
Nebraska	11	700	2590	3.7	17	235.5
Baylor	11	707	2727	3.9	23	247.9
Texas A&M	11	721	2835	3.9	22	257.7
Miami	11	777	2886	3.7	13	262.4
Hawaii	12	781	3223	4.1	24	268.6
Washington	11	728	2982	4.1	19	271.1
Iowa	11	717	3031	4.2	18	275.5
Pittsburgh	11	758	3046	4.0	23	276.9
Brigham Young	12	789	3334	4.2	24	277.8
Colorado	11	773	3106	4.0	16	282.4
Penn St.	11	762	3134	4.3	21	284.9
Ball St.	11	723	3134	4.0	14	285.9
Mississippi	11	777	3145	4.1	11	288.4
Auburn	11	774	3172	4.1	11	291.8
Florida	11	744	3210	4.3	18	293.4
Michigan	12	764	3521	4.6	20	293.7
Arkansas	11	724	3231	4.5	16	293.7
Alabama	12	786	3571	4.5	17	297.6
Fresno St.	11	826	3276	4.0	18	297.8

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds pg
San Jose St.	11	456	276	23	60.5	3,437	7.5	21	312.5
Wyoming	12	564	305	22	54.1	3,523	6.2	30	293.6
South Carolina	11	356	216	23	60.7	3,187	9.0	23	289.7
Utah	11	451	264	14	58.5	3,157	7.0	25	287.0
Oregon St.	11	527	312	22	59.2	3,095	9.2	30	286.3
Miami	11	338	209	11	61.8	3,069	6.8	21	279.0
Long Beach St.	11	449	259	21	57.7	3,231	7.4	23	269.3
UTEP	12	437	270	21	61.8	2,831	7.6	13	257.4
Cincinnati	11	374	237	12	63.4	2,766	7.1	14	251.5
San Diego St.	11	390	241	12	61.8	2,753	6.8	13	250.3
Oregon	11	403	240	14	59.6	2,728	7.7	15	248.0
Maryland	11	355	197	11	55.5	2,691	7.1	18	244.6
Texas A&M	11	381	230	9	60.4	2,655	6.6	18	241.4
Wake Forest	11	401	216	15	53.9	2,655	7.0	7	241.4
Colorado St.	11	380	208	16	54.7	2,646	8.6	17	240.5
Michigan St.	11	306	205	13	67.0	2,641	6.8	13	240.1
Pittsburgh	11	386	212	12	54.9	2,865	8.0	21	238.8
New Mexico	12	356	204	13	57.3	2,865	8.0	21	238.5
Louisiana St.	11	335	207	12	61.8	2,623	7.9	16	235.6
Brigham Young	12	356	213	23	59.8	2,827	7.9	16	235.6

PASSING DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds pg
Oklahoma	11	263	128	18	48.7	1,198	4.6	7	108.9
Tennessee	11	203	99	13	48.8	1,248	6.1	7	113.5
Bowling Green	11	221	109	20	49.3	1,257	5.7	4	114.3
Florida	11	221	109	16	52.4	1,287	5.7	4	117.0
Oklahoma St.	11	193	105	12	54.4	1,331	6.9	6	121.0
Mississippi St.	11	197	103	8	52.3	1,423	7.2	9	129.4
Toledo	11	263	146	16	55.5	1,464	5.6	8	133.1
Mississippi	11	268	127	14	47.4	1,484	5.5	6	134.9
Georgia Tech	11	253	129	14	51.0	1,506	6.0	9	136.9
Miami	11	253	129	14	51.0	1,506	5.2	7	136.9
Nebraska	11	291	130	21	44.7	1,539	6.0	10	139.9
Kansas	11	258	123	14	47.7	1,539	6.0	10	139.9
Iowa St.	11	239	136	10	56.9	1,600	6.7	13	145.5
lowa St.	11	253	104	4	41.1	1,601	6.3	13	145.5

TURNOVER MARGIN

TURNOVER MARGIN					
	turnovers gained		turnovers lost		margin/ game
	tum	int total	tum	int total	
Miami (Ohio)	23	21 44	9	11 20	2.18
Miami	23	21 44	10	11 21	2.09
Arkansas	12	22 34	10	2 12	2.00
Ohio St.	21	22 43	11	10 21	1.83
Penn St.	15	20 35	10	7 17	1.64
Auburn	15	22 37	10	12 22	1.36
Stanford	12	20 32	5	12 17	1.36

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Oklahoma	11	73	6.6
Auburn	11	115	10.5
Penn St.	11	123	11.2
Miami	11	136	12.4
Arkansas	11	142	12.9
Alabama	12	157	13.1
Nebraska	11	150	13.6
Mississippi	11	150	13.6
Fresno St.	11	150	13.6
Arizona St.	11	152	13.8

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Oklahoma	11	466	42.4
Miami	11	420	38.2
Nebraska	11	416	37.8
Auburn	11	379	34.5
Washington	11	372	33.8
Florida St.	11	366	33.3
San Jose St.	11	360	32.7
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Texas A & M	11	357	32.5
Arizona St.	11	354	32.2
UCLA	11	352	32.0
Iowa	11	339	30.8
Miami (Ohio)	11	326	30.3
Michigan	11	325	29.6
Penn St.	11	325	29.5
Wake Forest	11	322	29.3
Arizona	11	313	28.5
South Carolina	11	311	28.3
Boston College	11	308	28.0
Temple	11	308	28.0

Paul Palmer

PUNT RETURNS

	games	no	yds	td	avg
Arizona St.	11	29	520	1	17.9
Nebraska	11	48	712	2	14.8
Long Beach St.	11	32	446	3	13.9
Georgia Tech	11	19	263	0	13.8
Stanford	11	32	407	1	12.7
Texas Tech	11	39	478	2	12.3
Southern Miss.	11	36	438	1	12.2
Boston College	11	23	267	1	11.6
Oklahoma	11	30	348	1	11.6
Army	11	18	207	1	11.5

KICKOFF RETURNS

	g	no	yds	td	avg
Clemson	11	35	915	0	26.1
Penn St.	11	30	730	1	24.3
Air Force	11	41	994	2	24.2
Florida St.	11	30	699	0	23.3
Washington	11	37	859	0	23.2
Southern Cal.	11	26	598	0	23.0
Arkansas	12	38	860	1	22.6
Brigham Young	11	36	808	2	22.4
Notre Dame	11	56	1,256	0	22.4
Army	11	56	1,256	0	22.4

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Northeastern	10	698	3,360	4.8	26	336.0
Ga. Southern	11	568	3,385	6.0	43	307.7
Howard	11	540	3,307	6.1	31	300.6
Arkansas St.	11	686	3,259	4.8	27	296.3
Akron	11	601	3,120	5.2	26	283.6
Delaware St.	11	619	2,914	4.7	25	264.9
Pennsylvania	10	530	2,643	5.0	25	264.3
Furman	11	615	2,838	4.6	30	258.0
Colgate	11	571	2,786	4.9	27	253.3
James Madison	11	583	2,771	4.8	20	251.9
Appalachian St.	11	568	2,696	4.7	29	245.1
North Tex. St.	10	537	2,340	4.4	20	234.0
East Tenn. St.	11	580	2,461	4.2	23	223.7
Nevada-Reno	11	478	2,379	5.0	28	216.3
Alabama St.	11	543	2,340	4.3	17	212.7
Southwest Tex. St.	11	526	2,327	4.4	17	211.5
Delaware	11	590	2,248	3.8	29	204.4
South Caro. St.	11	541	2,205	4.1	18	200.5
Maine	11	525	2,202	4.2	25	200.2
Eastern Ky.	11	525	2,153	4.1	20	195.7

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Eastern Ky.	11	351	691	2.0	6	62.8
Tennessee St.	11	359	697	1.9	4	63.4
Pennsylvania	10	351	793	2.3	4	79.3
Boise St.	10	426	883	2.1	13	80.3
Illinois St.	10	407	805	2.0	8	80.5
Holy Cross	11	428	974	2.3	8	88.5
Nevada-Reno	11	396	1058	2.7	8	96.2
Northern Ariz.	11	391	1092	2.8	10	99.3
Jackson St.	11	428	1095	2.6	10	99.5
Delaware	11	334	1118	3.3	11	101.6
Alabama St.	11	386	1124	2.9	11	102.2
Colgate	11	429	1151	2.7	11	104.6
Mississippi Val. St.	9	390	953	2.4	7	105.9
Cornell	10	388	1085	2.8	4	108.5
Arkansas St.	11	391	1197	3.1	7	108.8
Eastern Ill.	11	462	1209	2.6	6	109.9
Southwest Tex. St.	11	399	1221	3.1	10	111.0
Furman	11	415	1223	2.9	7	111.2
Maine	11	454	1239	2.7	16	112.6
Montana	10	376	1153	3.1	19	115.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Nevada-Reno	11	819	5,412	6.6	55	492.00
Ga. Southern	11	755	5,286	7.0	54	473.91
Northern Iowa	11	854	5,213	6.1	44	473.91
Eastern Ill.	11	837	4,931	5.9	51	448.27
Colgate	11	869	4,856	5.6	39	441.45
Weber St.	11	840	4,798	5.7	42	436.18
Holy Cross	11	865	4,780	5.5	39	434.55
Montana	10	789	4,293	5.4	46	429.30
Delaware	11	902	4,630	5.1	44	420.91
Akron	11	806	4,588	5.7	35	417.09
Idaho	11	836	4,564	5.5	36	414.91
Eastern Wash.	10	741	4,127	5.6	36	412.70
Sam Houston St.	11	789	4,529	5.7	36	411.73
Howard	11	725	4,520	6.2	48	410.91
Tex. Southern	11	878	4,446	5.1	43	404.18
William & Mary	11	804	4,392	5.5	44	399.27
Pennsylvania	10	713	3,933	5.5	37	393.30
Richmond	11	779	4,292	5.5	33	390.18
Maine	11	850	4,278	5.0	39	388.91
Northeastern	10	811	3,856	4.8	29	385.60

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Tennessee St.	11	672	1963	2.9	10	178.5
Pennsylvania	10	607	2117	3.5	13	211.7
Furman	11	670	2550	3.8	15	231.8
Holy Cross	11	734	2613	3.6	17	237.5
Miss. Val. St.	9	622	2269	3.6	22	252.1
Alabama St.	11	707	2952	4.2	27	268.4
Boise St.	11	779	2963	3.8	19	269.4
Illinois St.	10	715	2796	3.9	19	279.6
Northeast La.	11	725	3097	4.3	22	281.5
James Madison	11	743	3123	4.2	20	283.9
Arkansas St.	11	715	3129	4.4	17	284.5
Eastern Ky.	11	733	3160	4.3	19	287.3
Northern Ariz.	11	740	3166	4.3	26	287.8
Cornell	10	708	2905	4.1	11	290.5
Western Ill.	11	753	3200	4.2	25	290.9
Marshall	11	779	3203	4.1	21	291.2
Maine	11	788	3204	4.1	24	291.3
Harvard	10	704	3003	4.3	24	300.3
Southwest-B.R.	11	756	3311	4.4	23	301.0
Akron	11	723	3314	4.6	21	301.3

*Touchdowns scored by rushing and passing only

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Tennessee St.	11	91	8.3
Cornell	10	103	10.3
Pennsylvania	10	108	10.8
Arkansas St.	11	131	11.9
Appalachian St.	11	148	13.5
Holy Cross	11	153	13.9
Furman	11	155	14.1
Middle Tenn. St.	11	162	14.7
Eastern Ky.	11	170	15.5

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Nevada-Reno	11	433	39.4
Ga. Southern	11	416	37.8
Eastern Ill.	11	409	37.2
Montana	10	362	36.2
Howard	11	352	32.0
Northern Iowa	11	347	31.5
Delaware	11	336	30.5
William & Mary	11	335	30.5
William & Mary	11	332	30.2
Weber St.	11	328	29.8
Furman	11	325	29.5
Appalachian St.	10	287	28.7
Eastern Wash.	11	314	28.5
Holy Cross	11	313	28.5
New Hampshire	11	313	28.5
Tex. Southern	11	313	28.5
Colgate	11	311	28.3
North Caro. A&T	11	306	27.8
Lafayette	11	304	27.6
Arkansas St.	10	274	27.4

PUNT RETURNS

	g	no	yds	td	avg
Morgan St.	10	7	122	1	17.4
Mississippi Val. St.	9	22	380	1	17.3
Davidson	9	16	269	0	16.8
Weber St.	11	21	316	1	15.0
Sam Houston St.	11	18	261	0	14.5
Appalachian St.	11	18	253	2	14.1
Bethune-Cookman	11	28	369	2	13.2
North Tex. St.	10	16	208	1	13.0
Jackson St.	11	36	451	1	12.5
Middle Tenn. St.	11	34	406	1	11.9

KICKOFF RETURNS

	g	no	yds	td	avg
Eastern Ky.	11	34	1,002	2	29.5
Howard	11	36	914	1	25.4
North Caro. A&T	11	43	1,047	1	24.3
Grambling	11	38	901	0	23.7
Western Ill.	11	34	765	1	22.5
Northern Iowa	11	35	784	1	22.4
Sam Houston St.	11	43	940	0	21.9
Marshall	11	35	762	1	21.8
Prairie View	11	59	1,280	1	21.7
North Tex. St.	10	39	846	1	21.7
East Wash.	10	42	910	1	21.7

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PASSING OFFENSE

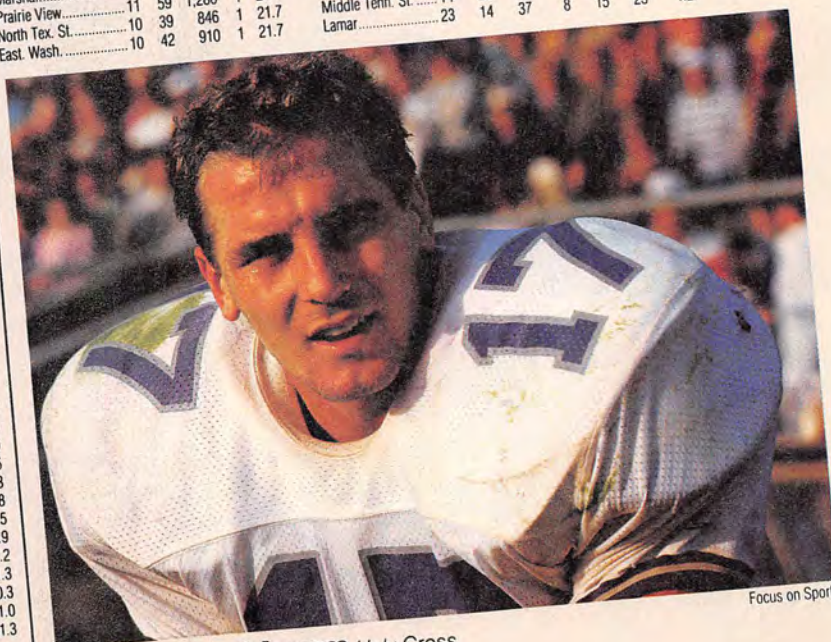
	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds pg
Eastern Ill.	11	445	234	16	52.6	3,587	8.1	24	326.1
Montana	10	460	246	15	53.5	3,122	6.8	30	312.2
Northern Iowa	11	359	211	22	58.8	3,399	7.5	22	309.0
Weber St.	11	452	241	24	53.3	3,128	6.3	29	284.4
Tex. Southern	11	493	232	22	47.1	3,073	8.4	32	279.4
Nicholls St.	11	367	206	13	55.7	3,059	7.1	22	278.1
Idaho	11	433	241	13	55.2	2,774	7.4	19	277.4
Eastern Wash.	10	373	229	16	61.4	3,049	6.8	23	277.2
Montana St.	11	447	248	12	55.5	3,033	8.9	27	275.7
Nevada-Reno	11	341	198	11	58.1	3,022	6.0	21	274.7
Idaho St.	11	504	244	25	48.4	2,999	7.1	17	272.6
Northern Ariz.	11	421	261	17	62.0	2,914	7.1	26	264.9
William & Mary	11	411	256	14	62.3	2,827	7.6	18	257.0
Holy Cross	11	370	210	27	56.8	2,779	5.2	13	252.6
Rhode Island	11	530	262	35	49.4	2,465	6.7	17	246.5
Bucknell	10	367	209	16	56.9	2,465	6.7	19	244.6
New Hampshire	11	400	166	23	41.5	2,691	8.7	17	236.9
Dartmouth	10	273	146	14	53.5	2,369	7.2	15	236.0
Alcorn St.	10	326	171	11	52.5	2,360			

PASSING DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds pg
Bethune-Cookman	11	208	80	14	38.5	1,098	5.3	7	99.8
Tennessee St.	11	313	107	15	34.2	1,266	4.0	6	115.1
Furman	11	255	114	28	44.7	1,327	5.2	8	120.6
Northeast La.	11	237	116	14	48.9	1,446	6.1	8	131.5
Pennsylvania	10	256	118	11	46.1	1,324	5.2	9	132.4
South Caro. St.	11	246	107	22	43.5	1,521	5.4	5	138.3
Middle Tenn. St.	11	284	139	22	48.9	1,521	5.8	7	140.4
Marshall	11	264	110	21	41.7	1,544	5.1	10	142.3
James Madison	11	289	146	15	47.2	1,565	6.2	8	144.3
Alcorn St.	11	309	146	20	47.8	1,587	5.4	9	144.9
Western Caro.	10	267	97	13	36.3	1,449	6.5	11	144.9
Harvard	10	224	99	13	44.2	1,594	5.9	10	144.9
North Caro. A&T	11	269	122	13	45.4	1,598	5.9	8	145.3
Northwestern La.	11	271	120	17	44.3	1,605	6.0	11	145.9
Prairie View	11	269	120	20	44.6	1,605	6.2	7	145.9
Austin Peay	11	260	136	14	52.3	1,605			

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained	turnovers lost	margin
	fum	int	total
Appalachian St.	25	11	36
Montana	15	7	22
Delaware	10	7	13
Arkansas St.	19	18	1
Furman	20	18	2
Howard	20	20	0
Middle Tenn. St.	14	22	8
Lamar	23	14	9



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ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg
Kenny Gamble, Colgate	JR	11	1816	178	40	391	2425	220.45
Michael Clemons, Wm. & Mary	SR	11	1065	516	330	423	2334	212.18
Gordon Lockbaum, Holy Cross	JR	11	827	860	0	452	2173	197.55
Mike Clark, Akron	SR	11	1786	128	0	0	1914	174.00
Bob Norris, Delaware	SR	11	672	529	152	502	1864	169.45
John Settler, Appalachian St.	SR	11	1661	117	0	78	1856	168.73
Brad Baxter, Alabama St.	SO	11	1705	86	0	0	1791	162.82
Chris Flynn, Pennsylvania	JR	10	917	110	323	270	1620	162.00
Sam Johnson, Prairie View	SR	11	4	711	248	723	1678	152.55
Merrill Hoge, Idaho St.	SR	11	631	399	1	641	1672	152.00
Flip Johnson, McNeese St.	SR	11	74	939	24	615	1652	150.18
Carl Boyd, Northern Iowa	JR	11	715	893	0	0	1608	146.18
Doug Haynes, Rhode Island	SO	11	572	335	0	662	1569	142.64
Brant Bengen, Idaho	SR	11	0	995	167	373	1535	139.55
Harvey Reed, Howard	JR	10	1386	3	0	0	1389	138.90
Mike Rice, Montana	SR	10	68	1046	271	3	1388	138.80
Rodney Payne, Murray St.	SO	10	838	83	0	454	1375	137.50
Lucius Floyd, Nevada-Reno	JR	11	1066	380	0	54	1500	136.36
Mark Carrier, Nicholls St.	SR	11	22	1206	250	19	1497	136.09
Bruce McIntyre, Lafayette	SR	11	1287	72	0	0	1359	135.90
Warren Marshall, James Madison	SR	10	1284	181	0	0	1465	133.18
Mark Stock, Va. Military	JR	11	0	1123	162	150	1435	130.45

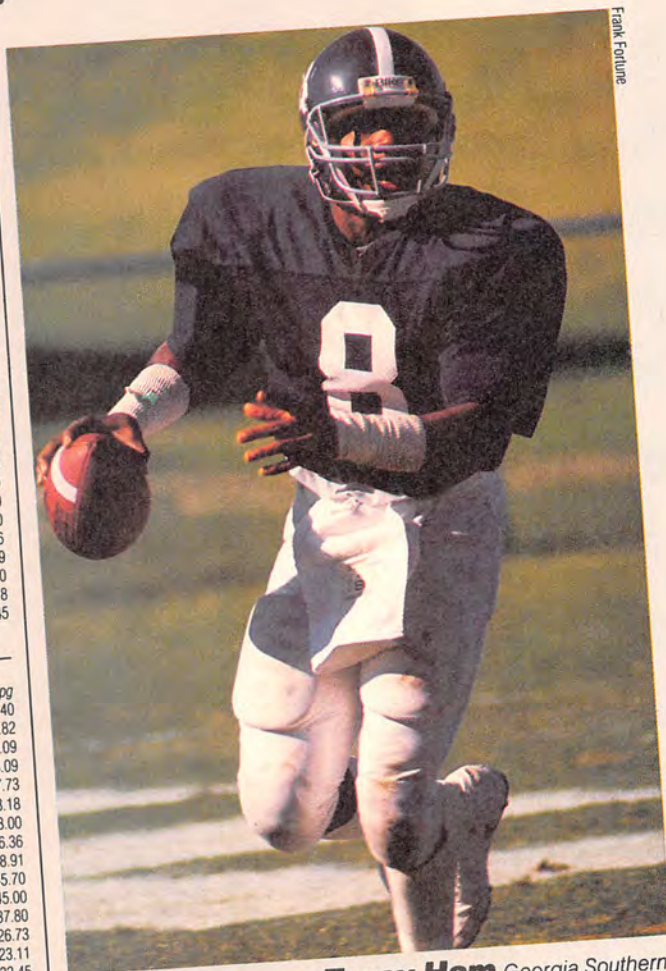
TOTAL OFFENSE

	car	rushing	net	alt	passing	total offense	ldr*	yds pg
		gain	loss		yds	yds	ydpl	
Brent Pease, Montana	59	195	157	38	440	3056	499	309.40
Sean Payton, Eastern Ill.	63	88	147	-59	423	3456	486	339.7
Scott Linehan, Idaho	111	539	214	325	407	2954	518	327.9
Mike Smith, Northern Iowa	69	185	196	-11	303	3125	372	314.8
Doug Hudson, Nicholls St.	109	295	298	-3	364	3058	473	305.5
Sean Cook, Texas Southern	46	58	228	-170	486	3065	532	289.5
Eric Beavers, Nevada-Reno	46	168	140	28	321	2810	367	283.8
Tracy Ham, Ga. Southern	207	1262	214	1048	177	1772	384	2820
Rich Gannon, Delaware	165	699	294	405	308	2333	473	2738
Ken Lambiotte, William & Mary	56	138	156	-18	358	2475	414	2457
Greg Wyatt, Northern Ariz.	70	68	235	-167	392	2862	462	2695
Rob James, Eastern Wash.	54	67	195	-128	321	2506	375	2378
Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross	61	160	130	30	310	2464	371	2494
Jim Given, Bucknell	83	187	346	-159	306	2167	389	2008
Bob Jean, New Hampshire	52	136	224	-88	375	2535	427	2447
Bob Bleier, Richmond	39	101	132	-31	348	2475	387	2444
Trenton Lykes, Youngstown St.	103	381	183	198	315	2188	418	2386
Adrian Breen, Morehead St.	128	404	326	78	347	2301	475	2379
Gino Mariani, Idaho St.	40	22	245	-223	415	2599	455	2376
David Gaglianelli, Dartmouth	74	154	268	-114	259	2265	333	2151
Reggie Lewis, Sam Houston St.	69	393	120	273	248	2078	317	2351
Phil Cooper, Weber St.	34	46	133	-87	263	2218	297	2131
Todd Whitten, S.F. Austin St.	125	435	203	232	314	2055	439	2287

*Touchdowns responsible for are TDs players scored or passed for

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
(Min. 15 att. per game)												
Mike Smith, Northern Iowa	JR	11	303	190	62.71	16	5.28	3125	10.31	27	8.91	168.2
Eric Beavers, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	321	189	58.88	11	3.43	2810	8.75	25	7.79	151.3
Doug Hudson, Nicholls St.	SR	11	364	204	56.04	13	3.57	3058	8.40	32	8.79	148.5
Tracy Ham, Ga. Southern	SR	11	177	98	55.37	10	5.65	1772	10.01	9	5.08	144.9
David Gaglianelli, Dartmouth	SR	10	259	141	54.44	12	4.63	2265	8.75	17	6.56	140.3
Reggie Lewis, Sam Houston St.	SR	10	321	202	62.93	13	4.05	2506	7.71	17	6.56	137.9
Phil Cooper, Weber St.	SR	10	244	149	61.07	8	3.28	1782	7.30	16	6.56	137.5
Rob James, Eastern Wash.	JR	11	244	149	61.07	8	3.28	1782	7.30	16	6.56	137.5
Alan Hooker, North Caro. A&T	SO	10	191	114	59.69	6	3.14	1589	8.32	8	4.19	137.1
Mark McGowan, Lehigh	SO	11	248	138	55.65	9	3.63	2078	8.38	12	4.84	134.7
Reggie Lewis, Sam Houston St.	SO	10	209	106	50.72	14	6.70	1995	9.55	10	4.78	133.3
Dave Brown, Va. Military	SR	10	358	221	61.73	14	3.91	2475	6.91	22	6.15	132.3
Ken Lambiotte, William & Mary	SR	11	423	222	52.48	15	3.55	3456	8.17	23	5.44	132.0
Sean Payton, Eastern Ill.	SR	11	392	250	63.78	16	4.08	2862	7.30	17	6.82	129.7
Greg Wyatt, Northern Ariz.	FR	11	440	241	54.77	13	2.95	2954	7.26	22	5.41	129.7
Brent Pease, Montana	SR	11	407	231	56.76	12	2.95	2954	7.26	22	5.41	129.7
Scott Linehan, Idaho	SO	11	310	179	57.74	19	6.13	2464	7.95	16	5.16	129.3
Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross	SO	11	263	135	51.33	14	5.32	2218	8.43	14	5.32	129.1
Phil Cooper, Weber St.	SR	11	308	171	55.52	10	3.25	2333	7.57	15	4.87	128.7
Rich Gannon, Delaware	SO	9	149	81	54.36	4	2.68	1089	7.31	8	5.37	128.1
Marvin Collier, Middle Tenn. St.	SO	9	306	182	59.48	13	4.25	2167	7.08	15	4.90	126.6
Jim Given, Bucknell	SR	11	347	202	58.21	9	2.59	2301	6.63	16	4.61	123.9
Adrian Breen, Morehead St.	JR	11	315	189	60.00	9	2.86	2188	6.95	10	3.17	123.1
Trenton Lykes, Youngstown St.	SR	11	348	195	56.03	18	5.17	2475	7.11	18	5.17	122.5
Bob Bleier, Richmond	SR	11	348	195	56.03	18	5.17	2475	7.11	18	5.17	122.5



Tracy Ham Georgia Southern

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PLAYER	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Rushing and Passing		
Rushing and passing plays	Thomas Leonard, Mississippi Val. (Texas So., Oct. 25)	89
Rushing and passing yards	Brent Pease, Montana (Eastern Wash., Oct. 4)	472
Net rushing yards	Lucius Floyd, Nevada-Reno (Montana St., Sept. 27)	305
Passes attempted	Greg Farland, Rhode Island (Boston U., Oct. 18)	70
Passes completed	Greg Farland, Rhode Island (Boston U., Oct. 18)	38
Passing yards	Brent Pease, Montana (Weber St., Nov. 8)	460
Receiving and Returns		
Receiving yards	Mark Stock, Va. Military (East Tenn. St., Nov. 22)	263
Interception returns	Mark Cordes, Eastern Wash. (Boise St., Sept. 6)	5
Kickoff return yards	Flip Johnson, McNeese St. (Northern Iowa, Nov. 8)	233
Scoring		
Points scored	Gordon Lockbaum, Holy Cross (Dartmouth, Oct. 11)	36
Field goals scored	Goran Lingmerth, Northern Ariz. (Idaho, Oct. 25)	8
TEAM		
Net rushing yards	team (opponent, date)	512
Rushing plays	Arkansas St. (Lamar, Nov. 15)	87
Passing yards	Northeastern (Rhode Island, Nov. 22)	502
Rushing and passing yards	Weber St. (Adams St., Sept. 13)	683
Rushing and passing plays	Eastern Ill. (Winona St., Nov. 1)	110
Fewest rushing yards allowed	Mississippi Val. (Texas Southern, Oct. 25)	46
Fewest rush-pass yds allowed	Holy Cross (Bucknell, Nov. 8)	35
Passes attempted	Boise St. (Humboldt St., Sept. 13)	71
Points scored	Rhode Island (Boston U., Oct. 18)	74

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	ld	yds	pg
Kenny Gamble, Colgate	JR	11	307	1816	5.9	21	165.09	
Mike Clark, Akron	SR	11	245	1786	7.3	8	162.36	
Brad Baxter, Alabama St.	SO	11	302	1705	5.6	13	155.00	
John Settle, Appalachian St.	SR	11	317	1661	5.2	20	151.00	
Harvey Reed, Howard	JR	10	179	1386	7.7	18	138.60	
Bruce McIntyre, Lafayette	SR	10	210	1287	6.1	11	128.70	
Warren Marshall, James Madison	SR	11	223	1284	5.8	9	116.73	
Rich Comizio, Pennsylvania	JR	11	202	1187	5.9	10	107.91	
Roy Jackson, Southwest Tex. St.	SR	11	224	1142	5.1	4	103.82	
Nathaniel Johnson, Tex Southern	SR	11	197	1088	5.5	8	98.91	
Tony Citizen, McNeese St.	FR	11	208	1086	5.2	3	98.73	
Terrance Hoover, Delaware St.	JR	11	183	979	5.3	6	97.90	
Ronald Scott, Southern-B.R.	SR	10	159	1066	6.7	9	96.91	
Lucius Floyd, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	223	1065	4.8	10	96.82	
Michael Clemons, Wm. & Mary	JR	11	224	1052	4.7	12	95.64	
James Crawford, Eastern Ky.	SR	11	207	1048	5.1	18	95.27	
Tracy Ham, Ga. Southern	SR	11	209	1032	4.9	9	93.82	
Mike Lewis, Austin Peay	SO	11	219	1026	4.7	13	93.27	
Dwight Stone, Middle Tenn. St.	SR	11	209	1026	5.2	15	92.55	
Robbie Gardner, Furman	JR	10	196	1018	5.2	12	91.70	
Chris Flynn, Pennsylvania	SR	11	224	1002	4.5	3	91.09	
Rickey Jemison, Arkansas St.	SR	10	191	902	4.7	4	90.20	
Jeff Johnson, Cornell	SR	10	191	902	4.7	4	90.20	

SCORING

	cl	g	ld	xp	fg	pts	ptpg
Gordon Lockbaum, Holy Cross	JR	11	22	0	0	132	12.00
Kenny Gamble, Colgate	JR	11	21	0	0	126	11.45
Harvey Reed, Howard	JR	10	18	2	0	110	11.00
John Settle, Appalachian St.	SR	11	20	0	0	120	10.91
Tracy Ham, Ga. Southern	SR	11	18	2	0	110	10.00
Mark Carrier, Nicholls St.	SR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Gerald Harris, Ga. Southern	SR	11	17	2	0	104	9.45
Charvez Foger, Nevada-Reno	SO	10	15	0	0	90	9.00
Michael Clemons, Wm. & Mary	SR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Scott Roper, Arkansas St.	SO	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
James Marable, Eastern Ill.	JR	11	0	24	24	96	8.73
Kirk Roach, Western Caro.	JR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Stoney Polite, North Caro. A&T	JR	11	0	53	14	95	8.64
Marty Zendejas, Nevada-Reno	JR	11	0	24	23	93	8.45
Goran Lingmerth, Northern Ariz.	SR	11	0	36	18	90	8.18
Mike Wood, Furman	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Donald Narcisse, Texas Southern	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Robbie Gardner, Furman	SR	10	13	2	0	80	8.00
Mike Rice, Montana	SR	11	0	33	18	87	7.91
Dale Dawson, Eastern Ky.	JR	11	0	47	12	83	7.55
Rich Ehrike, Eastern Ill.	FR	11	0	19	21	82	7.45
Matt Stover, Louisiana Tech	SR	11	13	4	0	82	7.45
Rich Gannon, Delaware	SR	11	0	31	17	82	7.45
Bjorn Nittmo, Appalachian St.	SO	11	0	31	17	82	7.45

RECEIVING

	cl	g	cl	yds	ld	ctpg
Donald Narcisse, Texas Southern	SR	11	88	1074	15	8.00
Michael Clemons, Wm. & Mary	SR	11	72	516	6	6.55
Mike Rice, Montana	SR	10	64	1046	13	6.40
Dennis Gadois, Boston U.	SO	11	70	1095	8	6.36
Shawn Collins, Northern Ariz.	SR	10	63	953	8	6.30
Millon Barney, Alcorn St.	SR	11	68	1047	10	6.18
Darrell Colbert, Texas Southern	SR	11	67	951	3	6.09
James Church, Richmond	SR	11	65	1200	7	5.91
Calvin Pierce, Eastern, Ill.	SO	11	64	1180	7	5.82
Mike Barber, Marshall	SR	11	63	1206	17	5.73
Mark Carrier, Nicholls St.	SR	11	62	939	7	5.64
Flip Johnson, McNeese St.	SR	10	56	794	7	5.60
Herbert Harbison, No. Caro. A&T	SR	11	61	954	7	5.55
Bryan Calder, Nevada-Reno	SR	10	55	738	3	5.50
Jon Vea, Eastern Wash.	SR	11	60	837	11	5.45
Remi Watson, Bethune-Cook	JR	11	59	719	3	5.36
Neosia Morris, Idaho	JR	9	47	361	1	5.22
Terry Mahan, Northern Ariz.	SR	11	57	860	8	5.18
Gordon Lockbaum, Holy Cross	JR	11	57	854	5	5.18
David Dunn, Connecticut	JR	11	57	846	5	5.18
Wade Orton, Weber St.	SO	11	56	995	9	5.09
Brant Bengen, Idaho	SR	11	56	812	6	5.09
Sergio Hebra, Maine	JR	11	56	812	6	5.09

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	avg
Greg, Davis, Citadel	SR	61	44.64
Bart Bradley, Sam Houston St.	FR	44	44.48
George Cimadevilla, East Tenn. St.	SR	65	44.25
Greg Burke, Morehead St.	JR	68	44.07
Scott Meadows, Tennessee Tech	SR	62	43.19
David Hood, Tennessee St.	SO	48	43.13
Clay Netusil, Northern Iowa	SR	47	43.11
Curtis Moody, Texas Southern	SR	51	42.49
Chuck Standiford, Indiana St.	SR	55	42.47
Russell Griffith, Weber St.	SR	62	42.23
Mark Morrison, Middle Tenn. St.	SR	58	42.22
Mike Knapp, Akron	SR	41	42.12
David Dercher, Murray St.	JR	48	42.04

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	ld	avg
Darrington, Weber St.	SR	16	290	1	18.13
C. Alexander, Miss. Val.	FR	22	380	1	17.27
B. Anderson, Sam Hou. St.	SO	16	229	0	14.31
M. Camper, North Tex. St.	SO	14	194	1	13.86
H. Huckaby, Fla. A&M	FR	15	204	0	13.60
Daryl Jones, Jackson St.	SO	31	403	0	13.00
R. Allford, Mid. Tenn. St.	JR	30	390	0	13.00
Sean Pitzer, Lehigh	JR	18	213	1	11.83
Johnnie Ealey, Richmond	JR	12	142	1	11.83
Remi Watson, Beth-Cook	SR	17	185	1	10.88
S. Johnson, Prairie View	SR	23	248	0	10.78
Dejuan Robinson, N. Ariz.	SR	39	409	0	10.49
E. Johnson, Northeastern	SO	17	178	1	10.47
R. Stockett, J. Madison	JR	25	246	1	9.84

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	ld	avg
D. Copeland, Eastern Ky.	JR	26	812	2	31.23
Curtis Chappell, Howard	JR	17	528	1	31.06
J. Jackson, N. Caro. A&T	JR	16	487	0	30.44
Albert Brown, Western Ill.	JR	19	531	1	27.95
Craig Richardson, E. Wash.	SR	25	692	1	27.68
V. Henry, Sam Houston St.	SO	13	359	0	27.62
R. Stockett, J. Madison	SR	20	538	0	26.90
Barry Robinson, Alcorn St.	JR	18	482	1	26.78
Mike Adams, Arkansas St.	SR	14	374	1	26.71
Randy Levis, Lamar	JR	14	362	0	25.86
R. Allford, Mid. Tenn. St.	JR	18	458	0	25.44
K. Anderson, N. Iowa	FR	24	605	1	25.21
M. Clemons, Wm. & Mary	SR	17	423	0	24.88

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	lga	fg	pct	lg	pg
Kirk Roach, Western Caro.	JR	11	28	24	85.7	2.18	
Goran Lingmerth, Northern Ariz.	SR	11	29	23	79.3	2.09	
Matt Stover, Louisiana Tech	FR	11	25	21	84.0	1.91	
Scott Roper, Arkansas St.	JR	11	28	21	75.0	1.91	
Dale Dawson, Eastern Ky.	SR	11	22	18	81.8	1.64	
Roberto Moran, Boise St.	SR	11	24	18	75.0	1.64	
Mike Wood, Furman	FR	11	27	18	66.7	1.64	
Bjorn Nittmo, Appalachian St.	SO	11	23	17	73.9	1.55	
Billy Hayes, Sam Houston St.	SO	11	22	16	72.7	1.45	
Teddy Garcia, Northeast La.	JR	11	20	15	75.0	1.36	
Mike Beattie, Lehigh	JR	11	22	15	68.2	1.36	
Mark Carter, Connecticut	SO	11	23	15	65.2	1.36	
Marty Zendejas, Nevada-Reno	JR	11	18	14	77.8	1.27	
Dennis Waters, Tenn.-Chatt.	SO	11	16	13	81.3	1.18	
Dave Parkinson, Delaware St.	SO	11	23	13	56.5	1.18	
Chris Potthast, Southwest Mo. St.	FR	9	13	10	76.9	1.11	

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	ld	ipp
Kevin Dent, Jackson St.	SO	11	10	192	2	.91
Eric Thompson, New Hampshire	SR	11	10	94	0	.91
Anthony Anderson, Grambling	SR	11	10	37	0	.82
Lee Lundin, Southwest Tex. St.	SR	11	9	36	0	.82
Reginald Giles, Marshall	SO	11	8	160	1	.73
Edwin Ross, Alabama St.	JR	11	8	131	0	.73
Ken Lucas, Delaware	JR	11	8	128	1	.73
Pat Smith, Eastern Ky.	JR	11	8	86	1	.73
Jim Frontero, Cornell	SR	10	7	169	1	.70
Rick Harris, East Tenn. St.	SO	10	7	150	1	.70
Dave Murphy, Holy Cross	FR	10	7	76	0	.70
Jeff Smith, Illinois St.	SO	10	7	32	0	.70
Darrell Harkless, S.F. Austin St.	SR	11	7	128	1	.64
Joe Peterson, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	7	119	0	.64
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Running Back	Brent Fullwood—Auburn	Steve Bartalo—Colorado State
Running Back	Paul Palmer—Temple	Bobby Humphrey—Alabama
Wide Receiver	Tim Brown—Notre Dame	Wendell Davis—LSU
Wide Receiver	Cris Carter—Ohio State	Michael Irvin—Miami
Tight End	Keith Jackson—Oklahoma	Rod Bernstine—Texas A&M
Tackle	Harris Barton—North Carolina	John Clay—Missouri
Tackle	Danny Villa—Arizona State	Chris Conlin—Penn State
Guard	Jeff Bregel—Southern Cal	Freddie Childress—Arkansas State
Guard	Mark Hutson—Oklahoma	Steve Trapilo—Boston College
Center	Ben Tamburello—Auburn	Gregg Rakoczy—Miami
Place-kicker	Jeff Jaeger—Washington	Chris Kinzer—Virginia Tech

Defense	First Team	Second Team
Linemen	Jerome Brown—Miami	Tim Johnson—Penn State
Linemen	Al Noga—Hawaii	Reggie Rogers—Washington
Linemen	Danny Noonan—Nebraska	Tony Cherico—Arkansas
Linebacker	Cornelius Bennett—Alabama	Marcus Cotton—Southern Cal
Linebacker	Shane Conlan—Penn State	Tony Woods—Pittsburgh
Linebacker	Brian Bosworth—Oklahoma	Byron Evans—Arizona
Linebacker	Chris Spielman—Ohio State	Mike Junkin—Duke
Back	Bennie Blades—Miami	Ray Isom—Penn State
Back	Thomas Everett—Baylor	John Little—Georgia
Back	Mark Moore—Oklahoma State	Tim McDonald—Southern Cal
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Linemen	Danny Noonan—Nebraska	Jerry Ball—SMU
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Linebacker	Brian Bosworth—Oklahoma	Terry Maki—Air Force
Linebacker	Shane Conlan—Penn State	Johnny Holland—Texas A&M
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Back	Rod Woodson—Purdue	Adrian White—Florida
Back	Bennie Blades—Miami	Ron Francis—Baylor
Back	Thomas Everett—Baylor	Tom Rotello—Air Force
Punter	Barry Helton—Colorado	Greg Home—Arkansas



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In 1971, the Big Eight conference had the two top teams in the country. Nebraska defeated Oklahoma, 35-31, on the Sooners' field in one of college football's classic games, then went on to win the national title. The two schools have won or shared 39 of the last 41 conference crowns, and 1987 will be no different. The automatic berth in the Orange Bowl that goes to the Big Eight champion should be decided on November 21, when the Cornhuskers host Oklahoma. That confrontation could also help settle the national picture.

Oklahoma is the choice here to win its fourth straight league title. Coach Barry Switzer's veteran team is led by quarterback Jamelle Holieway, who will operate a wishbone attack loaded with fast backs behind a line with three potential All-Americans. In addition, in Keith Jackson the Sooners have perhaps the finest tight end in the country.

Nebraska can match Oklahoma in the backfield, with quarterback and Sugar Bowl MVP Steve Taylor and Keith Jones, the conference's leading rusher. And its defensive line, featuring end Broderick Thomas, is outstanding. It is in the offensive line, a traditional strength, where the Cornhuskers are questionable. Their nonconference schedule, unlike Oklahoma's, is demanding: UCLA, Arizona State, and South Carolina.

There is another Big Two scenario shaping up in the Midwest this season. On the same November 21 when the Big Eight may be decided, Ohio State and Michigan will meet in Ann Arbor in a game that could determine the Big Ten title and a berth in the Rose Bowl. Neither team has a proven quarterback, but both have plenty of other weapons. The Buckeyes, who rebounded from two losses at the start of 1986 to win nine games and the Cotton Bowl, have two of the premier linebackers in the land in Chris Spielman and Eric Kumerow and a sensational receiver in Cris Carter. The Wolverines return tailback Jamie Morris, who is looking for his third straight 1,000-yard campaign, and what could be the best offensive line in the state—college or pro. It is headed by All-America John Elliott.

Whoever represents the Big Ten in Pasadena will be trying to end the domination the Pac-10 has had in the Rose Bowl (six straight victories and 11 of the last 12). Last year it was Arizona State which came away with a win in its first appearance in the game. This year it could be UCLA, which has won its last five bowl contests. The Bruins, one of four Pac-10 teams to finish in the top 20 final polls, are led by running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Gaston Green and linebacker Ken Norton. Washington, which is looking for a ninth consecutive bowl bid, returns 14 starters, including quarterback Chris Chandler.

Penn State, which capped a perfect season with a 14-10 triumph of Miami in the Fiesta bowl for the No. 1 ranking, will defend its title minus 15 starters and both kickers. The chief losses are John Shaffer (23-1 in his two years as the starting quarterback), D.J. Dozier (the school's No. 2 career rusher), and linebacker Shane Conlan. But coach Joe Paterno retains linebackers Pete Gifopoulos (one of the Fiesta Bowl heroes) and Trey Bauer and enough talent to remain on top in the East.

Miami lost Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde to the NFL's Tampa Bay Bucca-

neers, but the Hurricanes return 15 starters who will try to add to their 21-game regular-season winning streak. They'll battle for bragging rights in the state with Florida State, which lost just one starter on offense and two on defense.

The top team in the South in 1987 could be Auburn, which capped a 10-2 record with a victory over Southern Cal in the Citrus Bowl. The Tigers led the Southeastern Conference in both rushing and scoring defense and were second in total defense. That unit, featuring All-Americans Tracy Rocker and Aundray

Bruce, will make it easier for the offense to offset the loss of running back Brent Fullwood. LSU will challenge for the SEC title behind the passing combo of quarterback Tom Hodson and receiver Wendell Davis.

Texas A&M was one of four Southwest Conference teams to receive a bowl bid a year ago. The Aggies, the two-time defending SWC champions, will face a challenge from Arkansas, which hopes to make its first Cotton Bowl appearance in over a decade.

There has been a shakeup in the Atlantic Coast conference, with four member schools making coaching changes. The one constant in the area is Clemson, where Danny Ford's Tigers concluded another successful season by beating Stanford in the Gator Bowl.

There was some major news out in the Rockies, where Brigham Young did not have the best quarterback and, coincidentally, did not win the Western Athletic Conference for the first time in a decade. Todd Santos directed San Diego State to the WAC title. He is within reach of the passing marks established by Jim McMahon in the WAC and by Kevin Sweeney in the nation.

QUARTERBACKS

Kerwin Bell, SR, *Florida*; Chris Chandler, SR, *Washington*; Todd Ellis, SO, *South Carolina*; Tom Hodson, SO, *LSU*; Jamelle Holieway, JR, *Oklahoma*; Don McPherson, SR, *Syracuse*; Mike Perez, SR, *San Jose State*; Todd Santos, SR, *San Diego State*

RUNNING BACKS

Gaston Green, SR, *UCLA*; Craig Heyward, JR, *Pittsburgh*; Bobby Humphrey, JR, *Alabama*; Gordon Lockbaum, SR, *Holy Cross*; Jamie Morris, SR, *Michigan*; Brad Muster, SR, *Stanford*; James Rouse, JR, *Arkansas*; Blair Thomas, JR, *Penn State*; Thurman Thomas, SR, *Oklahoma State*; Lorenzo White, SR, *Michigan State*

RECEIVERS

J.R. Ambrose, SR, *Mississippi*; Tim Brown, SR, *Notre Dame*; Cris Carter, SR, *Ohio State*; Pat Carter, SR, *Florida State*; Wendell Davis, SR, *LSU*; Ferrell Edmunds, SR, *Maryland*; Darren Flutie, SR, *Boston College*; Michael Irvin, JR, *Miami*; Keith Jackson, SR, *Oklahoma*; Jeff James, SR, *Stanford*; Guy Liggins, SR, *San Jose State*; Terance Mathis, JR, *New Mexico*; Sterling Sharpe, SR, *South Carolina*; Wayne Walker, JR, *Texas Tech*; Marc Zeno, SR, *Tulane*

LINEMEN

Eric Andolsek, SR, *LSU*; Freddie Childress, JR, *Arkansas*; John Elliott, SR, *Michigan*; Mark Hutson, SR, *Oklahoma*; Greg Johnson, SR, *Oklahoma*; Bob Kratch, JR, *Iowa*; Randall McDaniel, SR, *Arizona State*; John Phillips, SR, *Clemson*; Joel Porter, SR, *Baylor*; Stacy Searels, SR, *Auburn*; Andy Sinclair, JR, *Stanford*; Mark Stepnoski, JR, *Pittsburgh*; Joe Tofflemire, JR, *Arizona*; Steve Wisniewski, JR, *Penn State*; Joe Wolf, SR, *Boston College*

PLACE-KICKERS

Barry Belli, SR, *Fresno State*; Leonard Chitty, SR, *Baylor*; Gary Coston, SO, *Arizona*; Tim Foley, SR, *Georgia Southern*; Chris Kinzer, JR, *Virginia Tech*; Kirk Roach, SR, *Western Carolina*; Derek Schmidt, SR, *Florida State*; Scott Slater, SR, *Texas A&M*; Tim Vesling, SR, *Syracuse*; Joe Worley, SR, *Kentucky*; Martin Zendejas, SR, *Nevada Reno*

LINEMEN

Tony Cherico, SR, *Arkansas*; Ted Gregory, SR, *Syracuse*; Chad Hennings, SR, *Air Force*; Curt Koch, SR, *Colorado*; Al Noga, SR, *Hawaii*; Sammy O'Brient, SR, *Texas A&M*; Tracy Rocker, JR, *Auburn*; Daniel Stubbs, SR, *Miami*; Broderick Thomas, JR, *Nebraska*

LINEBACKERS

Trey Bauer, SR, *Penn State*; John Brantley, SR, *Georgia*; Aundray Bruce, SR, *Auburn*; Marcus Cotton, SR, *Southern Cal*; Duane Duncum, SO, *Texas*; Brian Forde, SR, *Washington State*; Pete Gifopoulos, SR, *Penn State*; Eric Kumerow, SR, *Ohio State*; Paul McGowan, SR, *Florida State*; Ken Norton, SR, *UCLA*; Bill Romanowski, SR, *Boston College*; Chris Spielman, SR, *Ohio State*; Galand Thaxton, SR, *Wyoming*; Van Waiters, SR, *Indiana*

BACKS

Bennie Blades, SR, *Miami*; Chuck Cecil, SR, *Arizona*; Ricky Dixon, SR, *Oklahoma*; Riccardo Ingram, SR, *Georgia Tech*; Kermit Kendrick, JR, *Alabama*; Deion Sanders, JR, *Florida State*; Rodney Thomas, SR, *Brigham Young*; Jarvis Williams, SR, *Florida*

PUNTERS

Chris Becker, JR, *Texas Christian*; Cris Carpenter, JR, *Georgia*; Barry Helton, SR, *Colorado*; Greg Montgomery, SR, *Michigan State*; Brian Shulman, JR, *Auburn*; Alex Waits, SO, *Texas*

OFFENSE

DEFENSE

Top 20

1. **Oklahoma**
2. **Nebraska**
3. **Auburn**
4. **UCLA**
5. **Ohio State**
6. **Miami**
7. **Washington**
8. **Louisiana State**
9. **Arkansas**
10. **Michigan**
11. **Florida State**
12. **Texas A&M**
13. **Penn State**
14. **Southern Cal**
15. **Clemson**
16. **Georgia**
17. **Iowa**
18. **Arizona State**
19. **Pittsburgh**
20. **Tennessee**

Heisman Hopefuls

a preview of 10 of the leading candidates in a wide-open race for the 1987 Trophy

● After he won the 1984 Heisman Trophy, Doug Flutie was asked to predict the 1985 winner.

"I think Bo Jackson has to be the favorite," said Flutie.

Sure enough, Bo Jackson, the Auburn running back, won in '85. Asked about his pick for the 1986 trophy, Bo unhesitatingly replied, "Vinny Testaverde."

On the money. Testaverde, the University of Miami quarterback, won it last season.

But ask Testaverde or anyone else for a guess on the 1987 Heisman race, and you get a blank look. When it comes to forecasting the man who will emerge as the best player in college football for this season, one sees the cloudiest picture since 1980, when George Rogers, the University of South Carolina running back, eventually beat out Pittsburgh linebacker Hugh Green. Finishing third that year was a player the seers hadn't heard of before his first game: freshman halfback Herschel Walker of the Georgia Bulldogs.

This could be the most muddled Heisman grab-bag year since quarterback Pat Sullivan of Auburn finished ahead of Cornell running back Ed Marinaro in 1971. It could be the closest election since Jackson nosed out quarterback Chuck Long of Iowa by 45 votes in '85.

by LARRY FELSER
BUFFALO NEWS

How to sort it out? When in doubt, start with Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish have produced six Heisman Trophy winners, more than any other school, since the award was established by New York's Downtown Athletic Club in 1935.

Tim Brown, Notre Dame

Tim Brown began his 1987 Heisman campaign in the last game of the 1986 season, when Notre Dame upset Southern California, in the Los Angeles Coliseum. Brown was the spectacular catalyst on three of Notre Dame's scoring drives. He set up the first touchdown with a 57-yard kickoff return. He provided the impetus for the second with a 49-yard pass reception. Despite a mere one game's experience as a punt returner, he set up the winning touchdown with a 56-yard return to the Trojans' 15-yard line.

"He's a big-play man, a great athlete," salutes his coach, Lou Holtz.

Brown has one major drawback in the Heisman race. He is a wide receiver, or at least ostensibly that is his position, and there aren't many precedents for wide receivers winning the award. Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska was the most recent. Bob Devaney, then the Cornhuskers' head coach, found ways to get Rodgers the ball other than via the forward pass. The Huskers were the most versatile offensive team in the nation in 1972 and Rodgers won the Heisman.

Before last season, Holtz vowed, "The only way opposing teams are going to keep the ball out of Timmy Brown's hands is by intercepting the snap from center."

It didn't work out quite that way, but Brown's numbers for his junior season were imposing just the same. He averaged 168.9 yards against what may have been the nation's toughest schedule. He led the team in receiving with 45 catches for a 20.2-yard average, averaged 37.5 yards on his two punt returns, 27.9 yards on his 25 kickoff returns, and carried the ball from scrimmage 59 times for a

4.3-yard average. He scored two touchdowns as a ball-carrier, five as a receiver, and was the only player in Division I-A to return two kickoffs for touchdowns.

Holtz may see that Brown gets the ball more often this season, especially when he lines him up as a running back. Brown's chances may depend mostly upon what sort of season Notre Dame enjoys as a team. The Irish closed impressively in Holtz's first year on the job. Four of the five games they won in 1986 came in the final six weeks. The only losses during that stretch were by two points to powerful Louisiana State and by five points to the national champion, Penn State. Brown will benefit from a year spent under the national media microscope.

"Last year," he admits, "I thought that every time I touched the ball, I had to score. I just put a lot of pressure on myself."

It is close to a quarter century since Notre Dame last had a Heisman Trophy winner: quarterback John Huarte, in 1964. Brown could end the drought.

Jamelle Holieway, Oklahoma

It has been 20 years since a quarterback without a major-league passing arm won the Heisman Trophy. That was in 1967, when UCLA's resourceful Gary Beban beat out Southern California junior running back O.J. Simpson. Jamelle Holieway, Oklahoma's 5-foot-9 quarterback, makes his bid with an arm that is far inferior to Beban's.

Barry Switzer, the Oklahoma coach, calls Holieway "perhaps the best wishbone quarterback I have ever had."

Last year, Holieway was named the Big Eight's "Player of the Year" as a sophomore. He led the Sooners to an Orange Bowl victory over Arkansas. The season before, as a freshman, he led his team to the national championship with a victory over Penn State in the Orange Bowl. Holieway can't be judged as other quarterbacks are. He ran for 811 yards last season and 861 in 1985, but that's just part of the package. He has to be considered on his merits as a catalyst, as the field leader. He finds a way to get it done. Sneered at as a passer, he nevertheless completed a 41-yard clutch pass to tight end Keith Jackson to set up a last-minute field goal against Nebraska that won the Big Eight championship, sending the Sooners to Miami's beaches once again.

Quarterbacks Flutie and Testaverde, as noted, have won two of the last three Heismans, but in the decade before that, the trophy was the exclusive property of ball-carriers. Running backs could make it their prize once again this year. One of the best plays on the West Coast.

Gaston Green, UCLA

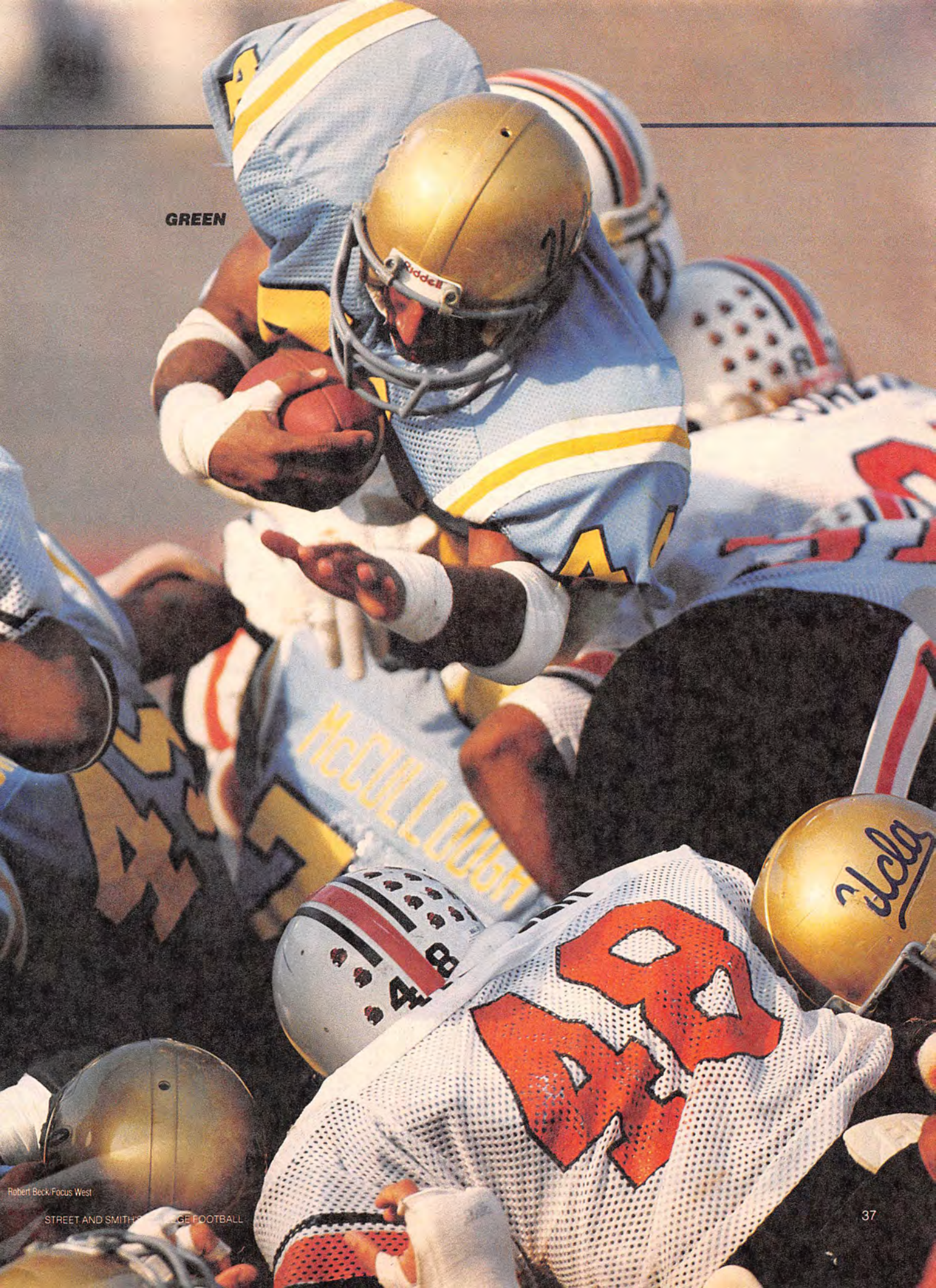
Other than Beban, no UCLA player has won a Heisman, but Gaston Green is a serious candidate in 1987. The second part of his junior year was Green's launching pad. In his last six regular-season games, the swift halfback averaged 147.5 yards. He ripped apart cross-town rival Southern California with a 224-yard, four-touchdown day in UCLA's 45-25 victory. Then, in the Freedom Bowl against Brigham

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Young's touted defense, Green exploded for 266 yards and another four scores. He also threw a halfback-option pass for a touchdown in that game. And Brigham Young had ranked sixth in the nation in defense against the run. "When we played them in my sophomore year," reminded Green, "they held me to 55 yards."

"He definitely will be a Heisman candidate in '87," said his coach, Terry Donahue, after the Freedom Bowl. It should help that UCLA could rank among the top teams in the nation this season, and that the Bruins' offensive line, already experienced, is helped by the addition of 305-pound tackle David Richards, who starred for SMU for two seasons before transferring in the wake of that school's scandals.

Kerwin Bell, Florida

Cinderella stories always are popular at Heisman time. Kerwin Bell's is a Cinderella story. Bell began his career at the University of Florida as a walk-on. He spent his first year as a redshirt, holding up blocking dummies for the varsity. After that season, the Gators' quarterback coach at the time, Galen Hall, called him in for a Dutch uncle talk.

"Kerwin," said Hall. "Prepare yourself for another year on the junior varsity."

It didn't turn out that way. There were injuries and other mishaps. Into the breach was shoved Bell, who has been Florida's starting quarterback ever since. He enters the 1987 season with 5,816 career yards and 47 touchdown passes, more than any other Southeastern Conference passer in history had totaled after his junior season.

"It just proves that God protects idiots," says Hall, now the Gators' head coach, of his original assessment of Kerwin's future.

In the lobby of the Florida athletic department is the only Heisman Trophy ever won by a Gator, the 1966 award captured by quarter-

back Steve Spurrier, now the head coach at Duke University.

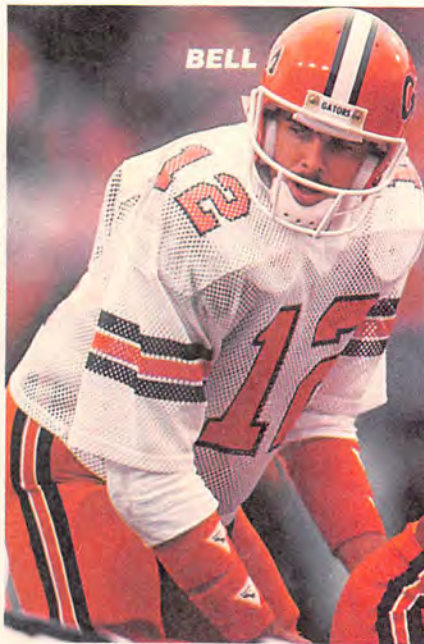
"It's hard to imagine that I even have an outside chance," admits Bell.

It could turn out that an outside chance is all that the 6-foot-3-inch chicken farmer will get. For one thing, Florida hasn't appeared on television in two seasons as part of NCAA sanctions against the school for a variety of infractions. Those were spotlight seasons for Kerwin. Most Heisman voters have not seen him. The Gators will appear on national television this year, but Bell has uncertain collaborators. Florida's top three wide receivers graduated. The tight ends caught only six passes in 11 games a year ago. Hall may have no choice but to feature a running game in 1987, since he has experienced running backs and few experienced receivers.

Brad Muster, Stanford

Brad Muster, the big ball-carrier from Stanford, has an important imprimatur from the professional scouts. Until he decided last December to return for his final year of college eligibility, the forecast was that Muster would be one of the first 10 selections in the 1987 NFL draft.

"He's the closest thing we've seen to John Riggins," says Dick Steinberg, New England's knowledgeable talent chief.



At 6-foot-3 and 226 pounds, Muster doesn't appear to be moving very fast when he carries the ball. It is a deception. He moves so smoothly, he sometimes appears to be gliding. He carried the ball 243 times for 1,053 yards a year ago. That's a 4.3-yard-per-carry average. The more Muster gets the ball, the more likely Stanford will win. When he carries the ball 20 times or more in a game, the team almost always wins. When he has fewer than 20 carries in a game, Stanford loses at least two-thirds of the time. But Muster is no one-note offensive player. In the last two seasons he has caught 139 passes. There are some



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pro scouts who think of him as a premier tight end prospect.

"He can do it all," says his coach, Jack Elway. "He has tremendous versatility—running, blocking, and catching. He has that certain something you can't coach. He has a knack for finding the right place to go." Muster also has a penchant for coming up big in important games. In a nationally televised match against powerful UCLA, he ran for 183 yards on a school-record 38 carries, caught four passes for 28 yards, and scored two touchdowns, one on a 74-yard run, the longest of his career.

Gordon Lockbaum, Holy Cross

Holy Cross has the most interesting player in college football, Gordon Lockbaum, but the argument centers around whether he is the best player. Lockbaum became a modern college legend halfway through his junior sea-



son. If there is such a thing as the equivalent of the New Hampshire primary for the Heisman, Lockbaum's performance in the 1986 Army-Holy Cross game was it. Playing tail-

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back, he carried the ball 11 times for 40 yards and caught four passes for 73 additional yards. As the Crusaders' starting cornerback, he was involved in 20 tackles. He also returned three kickoffs for 41 yards in Holy Cross's upset victory. Lockbaum was in the game for an incredible 143 snaps. He is the nation's first major-caliber two-way player since Purdue's Leroy Keyes in 1968. Lockbaum led his team in rushing and receiving, as well as in inspiration.

"I never knew how great he was," said Jack Bicknell, coach of arch-rival Boston College, "until I saw what he did in the mud against us [last year]."

Lockbaum was in the game for 113 plays against B.C. He ran the ball three times for 22 yards, caught 10 passes for 104 yards, scored two touchdowns, caused a fumble, and downed a punt at the Eagles' 1-yard line. But Boston College buried the Crusaders, breaking their 10-game winning streak. Last winter, the Holy Cross administration decided to end the long football series because B.C. is now a major power and its old rival plays at the I-AA level.

That's the rub for Lockbaum. Does a I-AA player have a realistic shot at the Heisman Trophy? Lockbaum finished fifth a year ago, but his 32 first-place votes were second only to winner Vinny Testaverde's. Lockbaum's principal support came from the Northeast, where he finished second in the balloting, and in the Mid-Atlantic region, where he was fifth. Appearing only on regional television, and rarely even at that, Lockbaum is known merely by reputation to much of the rest of the nation.

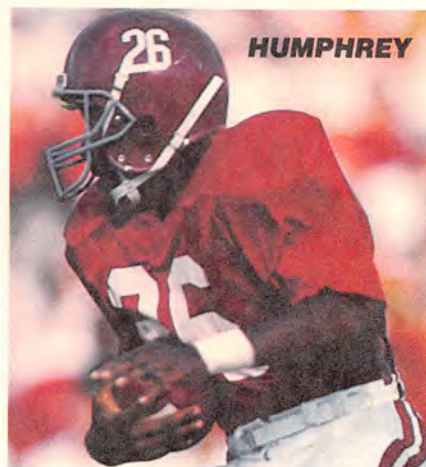
Lorenzo White, Michigan State

A year ago, Lorenzo White of Michigan State talked of making space in his mother's Ft. Lau-

derdale living room for both the 1986 and 1987 Heismans. A vase full of flowers now covers the spot picked for the '86 trophy. Injuries made it a disappointing year for the back

Bobby Humphrey, Alabama

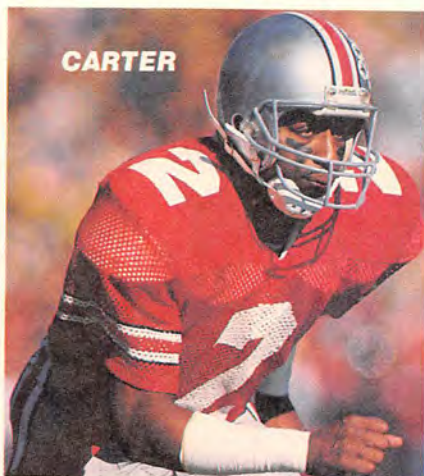
Gaston Green already picked out his most formidable competition for the Heisman: "Bobby Humphrey." A year ago, not even Humphrey would have believed that. He was a mere sophomore at the University of Alabama and the plan was for him to split time in the backfield with Gene Jelks, who gained 588 yards to Humphrey's 502 when they were freshmen. Theri Jelks stretched ligaments in his ankle and Humphrey took the entire load upon himself. What a load it was: 1,471 yards rushing and 104 points to lead the Southeastern Conference, seven Alabama school marks, including 17 touchdowns in one season, and the tying of two other Tide records.



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It is rare that one school produces two legitimate candidates in one year, but that may be the case with Ohio State. Cris Carter, the Buckeyes' All-America wide receiver, has been one of the nation's most consistent players since he was a freshman. He caught 41 passes his freshman year, 58 as a sophomore, and led the Big 10 with 69 a year ago. His touchdown totals are 8, 8, and 11. His per-catch averages are 15.8 yards, 16.4, and 16.4 again. If the Heisman voters consider a player for the body of his work, Carter can't be ignored.



David L. Johnson

"I never once believed I could have a year like this," admitted Humphrey.

Ray Perkins, his former coach who jumped to the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, thinks he can have more like it. Perkins compares Humphrey to Marcus Allen as an all-round talent. "He's a great running back," says Perkins. "And he's going to be even greater before he leaves." Humphrey averaged 5.9 yards a carry. In the big game against Auburn and star running back Brent Fullwood, he ran for 204 yards and a 7.3-yard average.

Chris Spielman & Cris Carter, Ohio State

Brian Bosworth and Cornelius Bennett now are professionals, but that doesn't mean linebackers are completely out of the Heisman race. Chris Spielman returns to Ohio State. He finished his 1986 season by winning the most valuable player award in the Cotton Bowl, where he made 11 tackles and intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown. That was after he finished 10th in the '86 Heis-



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big 8

by **BILL CONNORS**

TULSA WORLD

● Shades of 1971 at the top. Shades of the 1950s at the bottom. The Big Eight Conference might be headed for a season that brings back memories of the best and worst of its history. The best was 1971, when Nebraska and Oklahoma soared to a national level of elitism all by themselves. The worst was in the mid-50s, when Oklahoma routed the conference members such routine precision that critics called the Big Eight "Oklahoma and the Seven Dwarfs."

Oklahoma and Nebraska are the class of the Big Eight in 1987. This is no surprise. They have won or shared 39 of the conference's last 41 championships. What makes their race for an automatic ticket to the Orange Bowl different in 1987 is that if the senior-laden Sooners and Nebraska's best-looking team in four years do not stumble in their non-conference schedules, the countdown to their showdown in Lincoln on November 21 might smack of the hype and national stakes of their memorable battle 16 years ago. If so, the same spotlight that focuses on a side of the Big Eight that it loves to advertise might alert the nation to a side the conference would like to hide. The Big Eight's second division has skidded to an embarrassing level. Oklahoma and Nebraska could probably win six conference games this year with their second units.

This is not to say the Sooners and Cornhuskers have as many weapons as they possessed in 1971, when Nebraska won the No. 1 vs. No. 2 epic at Norman, 35-31, and an out-classed Colorado was third in the Big Eight and also No. 3 in the polls. This time the Sooners have suspect tackles on defense and the Cornhuskers' rebuilt offensive line must prove it is representative. Developments in these areas will determine if Oklahoma and Nebraska play for the national championship. Regardless, they almost certainly will play for the Big Eight championship.

Oklahoma merits a slight edge to win its fourth straight championship. Barry Switzer's older and deeper team, led by quarterback Jamelle Holieway and a wishbone loaded with fast backs and three potential All-Americans in the line beside superstar tight end Keith Jackson, has an overall margin in talent. But not by much. The Cornhuskers can match Oklahoma in the backfield and their defensive line, featuring a future great in end Broderick Thomas and big, fast tackles, is infinitely better.

"If our defensive tackles come through, we will be a heckuva team," Switzer said. "But none of our tackles in spring practice indicated they could come through. If they don't, we can be good but not great."

Tom Osborne said: "We have not had this much speed throughout our team. I think we have a chance to be very good. The key is the offensive line." That has traditionally been the strongest part of Nebraska's teams. But last year the line was below standards, as Color-



**JAMELLE
HOLIEWAY**
Oklahoma

do illustrated in a stunning upset that enabled the Buffs to finish second. The '87 line should be better. "But the proof is on the field and we have not seen that yet," Osborne said.

A level below Oklahoma and Nebraska are Colorado and Oklahoma State. Each has bowl potential and OSU has the Big Eight's best running back in Thurman Thomas. But neither team has enough guns to go higher than third. Another level back are Missouri, hoping the wishbone will have the same uplifting effect on its Tigers that it had on Colorado two years ago, and Iowa State. The Cyclones are on NCAA probation, down in talent, and starting over under Jim Walden, the conference's only new coach. Kansas State is a notch behind, plagued by its perennial shortcomings but likely to avoid the cellar again because Kansas is dreadful. The Jayhawks failed to win a conference game last year and by November were the worst team to represent the Big Eight since K-State's darkest days in the 60s.

Missouri, Kansas State, and Kansas have not strengthened their rosters much, if any. Iowa State is weaker. But the Cyclones' embarrassment to themselves and the Big Eight last year did not occur on the field. The NCAA

predictions

big eight conference

1. Oklahoma, 2. Nebraska, 3. Colorado, 4. Oklahoma State, 5. Missouri, 6. Iowa State, 7. Kansas State, 8. Kansas

independent

Tulsa

gateway conference

1. Northern Iowa, 2. Eastern Illinois, 3. Illinois State, 4. Southern Illinois, 5. Western Illinois, 6. Indiana State, 7. Southwest Missouri State

charged them with recruiting infractions and coach Jim Criner was fired. The other three second-division teams evoked memories on the field of their ineptness in the 50s. Oklahoma defeated Missouri, 77-0. Nebraska defeated Kansas, 70-0. Missouri defeated Kansas, 48-0. Colorado defeated Kansas State, 49-3. The blushing was not confined to within the conference. Missouri lost to Northwestern in 1985. Oklahoma State was the only team to lose to Houston last year.

Even in the high-water year of 1971, Iowa State had a bowl team. Going into the next-to-last week of the 1976 season, six teams had a chance to win the championship. Only two conference teams had losing records in 1981. Kansas defeated Oklahoma in 1984.

What caused the second-division schools to go into such a nose dive? First, they lost the coaches who built them to respectability in the 70s: Dan Devine (Missouri), Johnny Majors

and Earle Bruce (Iowa State), Eddie Crowder (Colorado), Pepper Rodgers (Kansas), and Vince Gibson (Kansas State). And, to their surprise, the 30-95 scholarship limits they thought would close the gap on Oklahoma and Nebraska actually widened it. Nebraska and Oklahoma always had more good players than the other members, but they did not corner the market. Colorado often had more players drafted by the NFL. There were all-stars on every campus. Not so this year. Fifteen of the 22 players selected on a preseason all-Big Eight team are from Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Oklahoma clearly has more stars than Nebraska and perhaps more than any 1987 college team. The personnel director of an NFL team said his organization's top 30 list for the '88 draft includes three Sooners: Jackson, offensive tackle Greg Johnson, and free safety Ricky Dixon. Interestingly, Oklahoma will not miss linebacker Brian Bosworth, who bypassed his final year of eligibility to enter the NFL supplemental draft, as much as it will miss unheralded tackles. The remainder of the defense is typically fierce and quick. Their offense has an army of first-rate running backs and a line with two guards who have won more honors than Johnson: Mark Hutson and Anthony Phillips. Defensive tackle, though, is not the only development to watch at Oklahoma. Stripped of their leaders, faced with an uninspiring schedule, and sure to be dogged by agents, the Sooners might be vulnerable to complacency and distractions.

Nebraska should have none of the above problems. The Cornhuskers are hungry and as fast as the Sooners. Their offense is led by quarterback Steve Taylor, the MVP in the Sugar Bowl, and tailback Keith Jones, the 1986 conference rushing champion. Besides Thomas, Nebraska's defensive line boasts standout tackles in Neil Smith and Lee Jones.

Colorado's chances of holding off Oklahoma State for third place depend on (1) growing out of the infancy stage in the wishbone Bill McCartney installed in 1985 and (2) on standout tackle Curt Koch recovering from leg injuries to enrich a defense whose splendid secondary is built around all-conference safety Mickey Pruitt.

Oklahoma State could easily climb past Colorado if the Cowboys' offensive line improves. Pat Jones's team has two of the Big Eight's most gifted playmakers in Thomas and wide receiver Hart Lee Dykes, plus a quarterback, Mike Gundy, who got seasoned under

the most challenging circumstances last year. OSU has a small defense that may have a future star in linebacker Sim Drain. But an offensive line that will need to improve a lot for the Cowboys to pass Colorado will depend on three transfers from SMU who will not report until August.

Woody Widenhofer thinks Missouri's offensive personnel is suited for the wishbone. But the Tigers need improvement more on defense than on offense. Widenhofer thinks his secondary will be the best in the Big Eight, but the Tigers' linebackers and linemen were overwhelmed last year.

Walden, who coached admirably in underdog situations at Washington State, will attempt to minimize Iowa State's slide by utilizing an impressive corps of receivers. Stan Parrish insists Kansas State will improve with the same players and a junior-college quarterback. Bob Valesente of Kansas has receivers who dominated the Big Eight reception charts, but little else of proven merit. He will try to get the Jayhawks out of a yawning hole by placing more emphasis on a running attack and plugging leaks in a horrid defense.

Tulsa, the region's only Division I-A independent now that Wichita State dropped football, has a new coach, George Henshaw, and players unsuited for his passing offense and the school's most difficult schedule in history.

The Big Eight has at least nine bona fide All-America possibilities: Keith Jackson, a consensus selection last year and the best tight end ever to play at Oklahoma; tackle Greg Johnson of Oklahoma, a 300-pounder whose remarkable speed stamped him as a defensive standout before a neck injury forced him to be moved to offense; quarterback Jamelle Holieway of Oklahoma; punter Barry Helton of Colorado, a two-time All-America selection; offensive guard Mark Hutson of Oklahoma, a first-team selection in 1985; tailback Thurman Thomas of Oklahoma State, a first-team selection in 1985; defensive end Broderick Thomas of Nebraska; defensive tackle Curt Koch of Colorado, if his knee holds up; and free safety Ricky Dixon, unheralded but considered the best ever to play his position at Oklahoma.

1987 all-big eight team

offense

Quarterback... Jamelle Holieway... JR... Oklahoma
Running back... Thurman Thomas... SR... Oklahoma State
Running back... Keith Jones... SR... Nebraska
Running back... Darrell Wallace... SR... Missouri
Wide receiver... Hart Lee Dykes... JR... Oklahoma State
Tight end... Keith Jackson... SR... Oklahoma
Center... Bob Latham... JR... Oklahoma
Guard... Mark Hutson... SR... Oklahoma
Guard... Anthony Phillips... JR... Oklahoma
Tackle... Greg Johnson... SR... Oklahoma
Tackle... John McCormick... JR... Nebraska
Place-kicker... Tom Whelihan... SR... Missouri

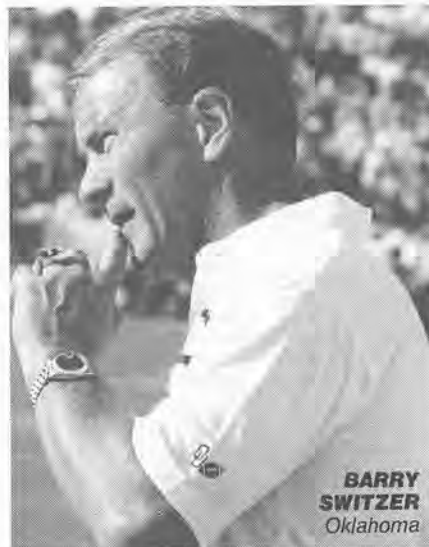
defense

End... Broderick Thomas... JR... Nebraska
End... Darrell Reed... SR... Oklahoma
Tackle... Neil Smith... SR... Nebraska
Tackle... Lee Jones... SR... Nebraska
Tackle... Curt Koch... SR... Colorado
Linebacker... Dante Jones... SR... Oklahoma
Linebacker... Sim Drain... SO... Oklahoma State
Back... Ricky Dixon... SR... Oklahoma
Back... David Vickers... SR... Oklahoma
Back... Mickey Pruitt... SR... Colorado
Back... Adrian Jones... SO... Missouri
Punter... Barry Helton... SR... Colorado

big eight conference

OKLAHOMA

The Sooners have 14 seniors who might be selected in the next NFL draft. But none is a defensive tackle. Amazingly, a team that is wall-to-wall in blue-chip talent at most positions does not have one proven tackle. If two of them prove adequate, the Sooners should be outstanding. If none of the tackles comes through, the Sooners will be very good, because they have everything else: an offense



that is experienced, gifted, and deep and a defense loaded with ability at linebacker, end, and safety.

Nine starters return on offense, led by quarterback Jamelle Holieway, the Big Eight's offensive player of the year in 1986; All-America tight end Keith Jackson, a line with three All-America possibilities, and a backfield filled with flyers who can block.

As has been their style in recent years, the Sooners do not have a superstar halfback or fullback. But they will rotate six, each of whom is capable of breaking a game open. Halfback Anthony Stafford, the fastest of the starters, reminds Barry Switzer of Greg Pruitt. Halfback Patrick Collins is the best all-purpose back and fullback Lydell Carr is a three-year starter. Backup halfbacks Damon Stell and Eric Mitchel and fullback Leon Perry, the team's most versatile back, might be as effective as the starters. Mitchel, the best athlete OU has recently recruited, was moved from quarterback when Charles Thompson, a red-shirt freshman, proved convincingly that he would be a capable backup to Holieway.

This group will run behind a line that many consider the best in Oklahoma history. Greg Johnson, 305 and exceptionally quick, is probably the best tackle ever to play offense at OU and the best but not the most decorated of the linemen. Guard Mark Hutson (282) made All-America last year. The other guard, Anthony Phillips (285), is a two-time all-conference selection and rated on the same level with Johnson and Hutson. Tackle Jon Phillips (275) is also a returning starter. Bob Latham (265), the only new starter in the line, is a capable center.

Carl Cabbiness and Artie Guess will alternate at split end. Each was disappointing in spring practice, but they bring more speed



and size than OU had at their position in recent years.

Defensively, Switzer said, "We can't be as good as we've been the last two years. We will be good but not dominant." OU figures to be weaker at each of the five positions where starters must be replaced.

Dante Jones, Bosworth's replacement, was Oklahoma's outstanding defensive player in each of the last two Orange Bowls. He is no Bosworth but he might be the best linebacker in the Big Eight. Richard Dillon, the other linebacker, is "like the other linebackers we've had—fast, tough and good," Switzer said. Ends Darrell Reed (221), twice all-Big Eight, and Troy Johnson (228), the fastest player on the defensive unit, nose guard Dante Williams (275), and safeties Ricky Dixon and David Vickers, each of whom was all-Big Eight last year, "will make us as good in those areas as we've been," Switzer said. Cornerbacks Derrick White, Lonnie Finch, Scott Garl, and Carlos Scott will not win any honors but they provide the flexibility to ensure adequacy against the run or pass. OU traditionally uses its backup ends a lot and apparently has potential stars in redshirt freshmen Adrian Cooper (230) and James Goode (220).

The only question is tackle. But it is one that concerns Switzer. Curtice Williams (275), the regular nose guard before suffering a knee injury against Miami, was projected to start at left tackle and the best of the highly regarded crop of rookies was penciled in at right tackle. But Williams was overweight and injured in spring practice and the only rookie who impressed was Scott Evans (235).

"Curtice has to rehabilitate himself and get in shape and Evans has to get bigger and Zarak Peters (250) or Tom Backes (250) has to come through if we're going to be as good as we want to be," Switzer said. Another possibility is Darrel Kirby (260), the most heralded

Jamelle

Holieway When he burst on the scene in 1985 as a freshman quarterback whose wishbone wizardry led Oklahoma to the national championship, Jamelle Holieway had the advantages of being an unsuspecting talent and complemented by a dominating defense.

As a sophomore, Holieway found defenses pointed at and prepared for him. Nevertheless, he led the Sooners in rushing a second straight time and his clinical execution of the triple option stamped him and his team among the nation's best. Once again Holieway could afford to play poised and relaxed, in part because a defense rich in dominant players and leadership minimized the pressure on him.

As a junior, Holieway will not have the latter luxury. Most of those superior defenders and all the leaders who sheltered him for two seasons are gone. The offense that Holieway will direct is loaded with talented seniors but suddenly void of take-charge personalities. If the Sooners are to realize their annual objective—a seventh national championship—Holieway will have to lead and be an all-star operative. He is no more concerned about his new challenge than he was two years ago when he was catapulted into the starting lineup in the fourth game, following a disabling knee injury to Troy Aikman.

"I don't think anyone should touch us this year," he said. "There is no reason why we should not go all the way." He quickly added that his confidence was not centered on himself. He cited the talent of his teammates and insisted he did not "feel any tremendous leadership responsibility. But if I had to be a leader, I would be a leader."

That's Holieway. He is supremely confident but he is not a chest-pounding braggart. Ask his opinion and he responds with disarming charm and candor, and a soft-spoken style not often heard in the locker room. In fact, at 5-9 and 175, wearing earrings and a winning smile, speaking with unabashed pride about his mother and his religious faith, Holieway looks and behaves more like a student manager than a quarterback. But since the Los Angeles native's first day on campus, when he began operating Oklahoma's complex wishbone as if he were a senior, no one has thought of Holieway as anything except a pure and remarkable football player.

"Jamelle is the best wishbone quarterback we have had in our 18 years with the offense," said Barry Switzer.

Holieway is quick but no faster than most option quarterbacks. His light-footed, elusive style, however, makes him appear deceptively fast. Most deceptive, though, is his strength. Oklahoma's best wishbone quarterbacks have been big-legged, fullback types who weighed 200 and arrived with the ability to withstand the battering their position is subjected to; they acquired the finesse. Holieway ar-

rived with the finesse but many questioned whether he could survive the pounding. After 300 carries he has not been injured. He breaks tackles and drags defenders for extra yards. Still, he weighs only 175, tightly-wound and muscular. Where does he get his strength?

Not from weightlifting, he assured with a mischievous chuckle. "I hate lifting weights," Holieway said. "In high school, I would sign in and sign out of the weight room without lifting. I can't get by doing that here but I don't lift any more than I have to. I do a lot of pushups and like to run uphill to get my legs in shape. If I am stronger than I look, that's the reason."

Switzer admitted Oklahoma did not realize Holieway "would be this good when we recruited him." UCLA and other West Coast schools recruited him as a defensive back. "We got a bonus," Switzer said.

The Sooners also got a player who has become immensely popular for more than his ability to make textbook pitchouts. Holieway is sensitive and thoughtful. He has been known to startle fans by telephoning them to thank them for their letters. Prior to last Christmas, he mailed over 200 personalized Christmas cards to fans and newsmen. "Holieway Greetings," said the cards bearing a picture of Holieway dressed as Santa Claus. It was his idea and he did not use athletic department stamps or stationery he said, for the benefit of the NCAA. "I like almost everybody. My mother taught me to not have negative thoughts about anyone."

Holieway admitted he would like to make All-America. "It would mean a lot to me. But I think a bigger thrill would be to play on two or three national championships. I know that's been done by some quarterbacks, but that's still more unusual than making All-America."

Another goal is to make academic All-America. "I want to do that for my mother. And I will. She has been supportive of me in everything I wanted to do."

Holieway's passing improved last year, from 41 percent as a freshman to 47 percent. His passing sparked the Sooners' comeback against Nebraska. With OU trailing, 17-7, and at its 6-yard line with less than four minutes remaining, Holieway completed three straight passes for 72 yards, including a 17-yarder to Keith Jackson for a touchdown, and then hit Jackson for 41 yards to set up the winning field goal. "I think I proved at Nebraska that I can pass," Holieway said.

He also proved something else, according to All-America guard Mark Hutson. "Jamelle showed he can lead," Hutson said. "Before that last touchdown drive, he came into the huddle and really impressed me the way he took charge. He said this was our last chance and we had to score and let's do it. He was the youngest guy in the huddle, but everybody listened. He can lead."

Bill Connors



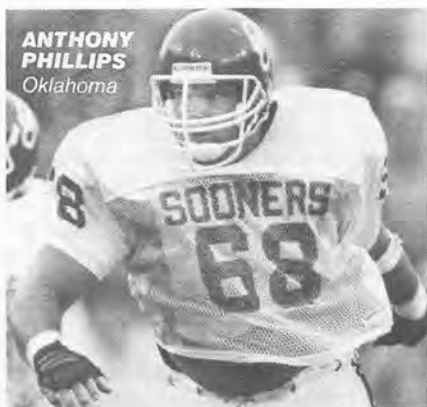
KEITH JACKSON
Oklahoma

of last year's freshman linemen, who was a Proposition 48 casualty and will practice for the first time in August.

Punter Todd Thomsen, who has the leg to improve on his 39-yard average, is also a possibility to kick field goals. With their offense and their weakest nonconference schedule in a decade, the Sooners do not figure to need a field goal before their showdown with Nebraska on November 21.



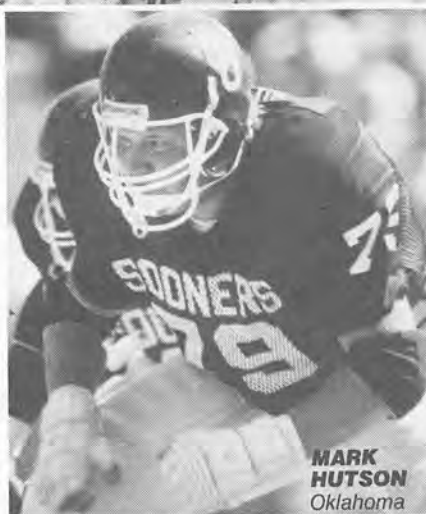
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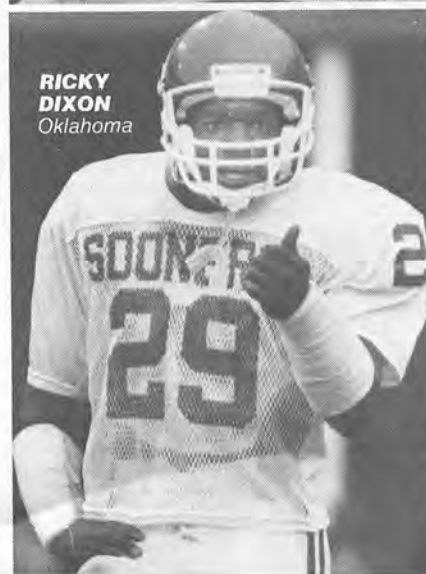
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RICKY DIXON
Oklahoma

NEBRASKA

If the Cornhuskers' assembly line produces the kind of offensive line that is considered representative at Lincoln, Tom Osborne's team (10-2, 5-2) might rebound from a third-place finish to be his best in four years and one of his best ever. The Cornhuskers have the three basic requirements to topple Oklahoma: backfield speed, a defensive line that is the class of the Big Eight, and the home field for their showdown with the Sooners. Except for the offensive line, Nebraska approaches or surpasses Oklahoma in every area. Osborne admitted, "Our skill position talent is very good."

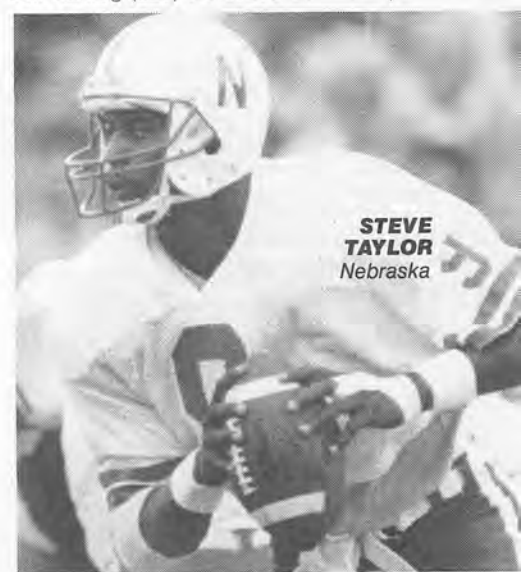
Quarterback Steve Taylor, who as a California schoolboy was more highly recruited than Oklahoma's Jamelle Holieway, began living up to his notices late last season and was the MVP in the Sugar Bowl victory over LSU. Tailback Keith Jones, the fastest ever to play his position at Nebraska, led the Big Eight in rushing and was second in scoring last year. Tyreese Knox is a capable alternate. Fullback Micah Heibel is questionable after suffering a broken foot playing summer basketball. Sam Schmidt may inherit the starting role. Wingbacks Dana Brinson and Von Shepard and split end Rod Smith "are the best group of receivers we've had in a long time," Osborne said. Tight end Tom Banderas might be all-conference in any league that did not have Oklahoma's Keith Jackson.

But guard John McCormick (270) is the only returning starter in the offensive line, and rivals did not think the Cornhuskers were as efficient there last year as in the past. Hence, the only question that raises reservations about this team. Spring practice eased Osborne's concern. He thinks the replacements—tackles Bob Sledge (270) and Kevin Lightner (285), guard Andy Keeler (265), and centers John Nichols (265) and Jake Young (250), an exceptional sophomore—"may

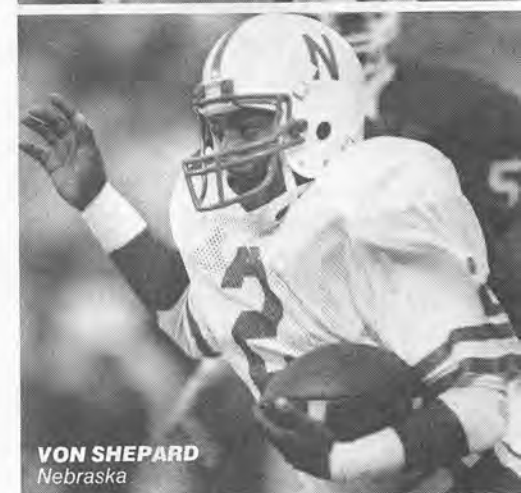
make us better in the offensive line." This should not surprise anyone. Nebraska routinely has new starters in its line and they are often better than those they replaced.

Osborne traditionally does not play freshmen and probably will not need to vary his policy. But if his backfield needs help, available are two of the nation's most sought-after recruits: quarterback Mickey Joseph and tailback Leotis Flowers.

A defense that became aroused after leaking big plays in an upset loss to Colorado has an all-star look in the line. Broderick Thomas (235) rates with the Big Eight's best ends in modern times. Neil Smith (255), who has extraordinary speed, and Lee Jones (245) are the best pair of tackles to play on a Big Eight team in this decade. Thomas, Smith, and Jones proved themselves in last year's Oklahoma game, when they throttled the Sooners' running and forced them to win with passing. First-time starters Lawrence Pete (280) and Jeff Jamrog (220) are seasoned and expect-



STEVE TAYLOR
Nebraska



VON SHEPARD
Nebraska

ed to assure nose guard and end, respectively, of retaining a competent look. Jeff Mills (220) is a highly regarded backup end.

Linebackers LeRoy Etienne and Steve Forch are not considered to have as much ability as Nebraska had at their positions last year, but they should be adequate. Dante Wiley (220) might become a star if he cracks the starting lineup.

Despite the loss of cornerback John Custard for the season from a knee injury suffered in spring practice, the secondary is expected to be "pretty good," Osborne said. Strong safety Brian Washington and cornerback Charles Fryar are returning regulars and new starter Mark Blazek is in the same mold as Nebraska's outstanding free safeties of recent years. Tim Jackson, a junior-college transfer who played at Kansas State in 1985, and McCathorn Clayton, are expected to share time at the corner voided by Custard's injury. Clayton, the starting quarterback in 1985 who lost his job to Taylor last year, was moved to cornerback when Clete Blakeman proved to be a capable backup.

John Kroeker (39.6) returns to punt and sophomore Chris Drennan is expected to handle the place-kicking.

Unlike Oklahoma, the Cornhuskers have a nonconference schedule that should test them. They have back-to-back dates with UCLA and Arizona State and also meet South Carolina, which extended them last year.

COLORADO

The Buffaloes (6-6, 6-1), who shocked Nebraska last year but were 0-5 against nonconference opponents, return '16 starters and should be improved. But their optimism was tempered by spring misfortune. Quarterback Marc Walters, a sophomore with the potential to start and be the catalyst to a sluggish wishbone, suffered a knee injury that will sideline

him in 1987. And tackle Curt Koch (265), the Big Eight's only returning all-conference defensive lineman, is a question mark after two injuries. Koch, a fifth-year senior, declined to have surgery to repair his knee, because an operation would preclude his playing this season. He gambled on rehabilitation and that process was delayed when he broke the leg in an automobile accident during spring break. Bill McCartney is counting on Koch and, regardless, the coach thinks this will be the best team in his six years at Boulder. But Walters's loss might make the improvement minimal.

The Buffs have not exploited many dimensions of the wishbone. McCartney reportedly was prepared to remove Mark Hatcher, a methodical runner who had the highest interception ratio and next-to-worst completion record of conference quarterbacks, in favor of Walters last year. They shared time in the Bluebonnet Bowl loss to Baylor and Hatcher was No. 1 when Walters was injured in the spring.

McCartney admits his offense "needs to improve," but he faulted the blocking more than Hatcher. He told the three returning line starters they would have to re-win their positions in spring practice. Tackle Pat Ryan (260) did, but Darrin Mullenburg (275) dislodged tackle Joe McCreary (260) and guard Bill Coleman (255) moved to center to make room for Chris Symington (270).

Halfbacks O.C. Oliver and Michael Marquez and fullback Anthony Weatherspoon return, and McCartney hopes incorporating a "shoot" formation with the halfbacks in the slots will make the Buffs less predictable. The addition of Michael Simmons, a redshirt freshman, gives the Buffs breakway speed for the first time at fullback.

Colorado's defense should be solid, with or without Koch. Seven other starters return and so does All-America punter Barry Helton



O.C. OLIVER
Colorado



MICKEY PRUITT
Colorado

(45.6), who assures the defense of envied field position. Linebacker Don DeLuzio, who also suffered a broken leg and broken jaw in the same accident with Koch, is projected to be fully recovered, and all-Big Eight safety Mickey Pruitt lead a unit that ranked 11th nationally last year. Nose guard Kyle Rappold (245), tackle Cole Hayes (235), linebacker Tom Reinhardt, cornerback David Tate, and free safety Rodney Rogers are the other returning starters. Linebackers Eric McCarty and Tom Stone and cornerback John Nairn are the new starters. Arthur Walker impressed as Koch's replacement in spring practice.

Place-kicker Dave DeLine (8-for-17 field goals) will be challenged by Ken Culbertson.

OKLAHOMA STATE

The Cowboys (6-5, 4-3) are expected to improve, if for no other reason than tailback Thurman Thomas is fit. The 1985 All-America limped through 1986 on a knee that required surgery before the season began. Even in handicapped form, Thomas made all-Big Eight. He has regained his dazzling form.

How improved the Cowboys will be, and whether it is enough to enable them to reclaim third place and bowl status, depends on other problems that taxed coach Pat Jones last year. The Cowboys changed quarterbacks after three games, were hampered by a poor offensive line, erratic kicking, and a rebuilt defense that leaked more than anticipated until midseason.

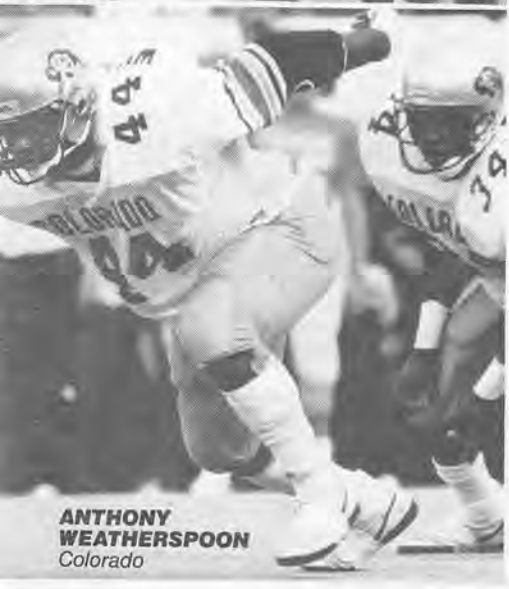
Despite all of this, the Cowboys won four of their last five games, primarily because of freshman quarterback Mike Gundy. After highly regarded Ronnie Williams self-destructed in a sea of interceptions for three straight games, Jones startled his own aides at half-time of the fourth game by activating Gundy from the redshirt ranks. He was not the backup and some did not consider him OSU's best freshman quarterback. He did not have Williams's arm was supposed to be too small and too slow. But Gundy gave the Cowboys a spark, was amazingly poised, finished third in conference passing, and had the best interception avoidance record in the league.

Thomas and Gundy will be joined by the Big Eight's leading receiver, Hart Lee Dykes (206), whose 60 receptions ranked 14th nationally. Kevin Simien, Jarrod Green, Curtis Mayfield, and Bailey, who was switched after changing his mind about transferring, "would give us a good receiver corp without Dykes," Jones said. "With Dykes, they give us the best group of receivers by far that we've had." Tight ends J.R. Dillard (245) and Brian Keith (230) are also capable short-yardage receivers. Backup tailbacks Mitch Nash and Barry Sanders and fullbacks Garrett Limbrick and Mike Aboussie, converted from linebacker, complete what Jones thinks "is the greatest number of skill people we have ever had."

Before OSU can exploit these weapons, it must significantly improve its offensive line. The potential encourages Jones. Tackle Mike Wolfe (255), the best of the linemen, returns after missing the last six games with a broken leg. Junior-college transfer John Bolsvert (250) is expected to improve center. SMU transfers Chris Morris (272) and Kim Johnson (248) are starting possibilities at guard and center. A third SMU transfer, guard Del Montgomery (248), will add depth or start. Tackle Byron Woodard (302) and guards Chris Stanley (252) and Doug Meacham (250) are returning starters. Guard Scott Webb (245) is the most promising of several freshmen redshirts.

Defensively, OSU returns all its line starters, who keyed the second-half improvement last year, but must replace all-star safeties. Tackles David Bailey (236) and Marcus Jones (245) and ends Ricky Shaw (220) and Jerry Deckard (212) were called "the quickest unit we faced all year" by Barry Switzer after Oklahoma was unable to score an offensive touchdown in a 19-0 victory. Their lack of size, however, is a concern and Bailey must clear academic hurdles to be eligible.

Linebacker Sim Drain, a sophomore, is expected to be OSU's next all-star defender. Drain, linebacker Chris Pegram, and corner-



ANTHONY WEATHERSPOON
Colorado

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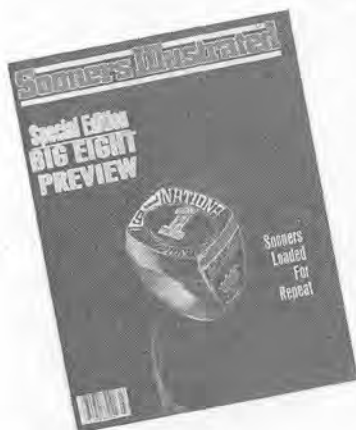
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back Melvin Gilliam are the other returning starters. Former tailback Curtis Luper, Harold Green, Milton Cockrell, and two junior-college transfers, Steve Hill and Steve Jones, are the contenders to start at the other secondary positions. Jones admitted, "We can't be as good back there as we've been."

Jones hopes punter Cary Cooper (39.7) and place-kicker Brad Dennis (4-of-11 in field-goal attempts) "or somebody" will stabilize the inconsistent kicking that frustrated the Cowboys last year.

MISSOURI

The Tigers (3-8, 2-5) will switch to the wishbone and optimistic coach Woody Widenhofer thinks the offensive change will bring the improvement needed for the Missouri graduate to keep his job. His two-year record is 4-18. "I think the wishbone will make us quite a bit better than we've been on offense, because it will enable us to utilize our talent," Widenhofer said. "And we will be much better on defense, because we will be much more aggressive." The Tigers' starting units appear better than those of the Big Eight's other second-division teams. But a raft of offseason suspensions left the Tigers critically thin. Injuries might drop them to the bottom.

It appears Missouri is equipped to run the wishbone version (more passing than Oklahoma) that Widenhofer prefers. Quarterback Ronnie Cameron is the key. He has possibilities as an option operative but has been injury-prone in less demanding roles and his

pitchouts left much to be desired in spring practice. Halfback Darrell Wallace led the Big Eight in yards rushing—though he was third in yards per game—and Robert Delpino, moved from wide receiver to halfback, was the talk of spring practice. Halfback Tony Van Zandt, the nation's most heavily recruited schoolboy two years ago, will practice for the first time this fall (if eligible) since suffering a knee injury in an all-star game last summer. Fullback Tommy Stowers, split end Victor Moore, and tight end Tim Bruton have adequate potential.

Although guard Jeff Rigman (277) is the only starter returning in the offensive line, Widenhofer said, "I am not going to worry there. We have guys coming up who will be good." He had in mind guards Phil Schreiber (252), Michael Scott (288), and Chris Lowe (257), center Curtis Wilson (271), and tackles Carl Bax (270) and Andy Lock (273).

Missouri's defense was the Big Eight's slowest and worst the last two years. The secondary, featuring cornerback Adrian Jones and strong safety Erik McMillan, might be the league's best, Widenhofer said. The line and linebacking will have to gather any improve-

ment from last year's starters: ends Jeff Cross (241) and Steve Vandegrift (255), nose guard Darryl Darling (250), and linebackers Darren MacDonald and Terry Walker.

Tom Whelihan, the Big Eight's leading place-kicker (15-for-19 in field goals), will probably take over the punting chores. An easier nonconference schedule and seven home games enhance the Tigers' prospects of winning the five or six games that Widenhofer needs to remain employed.

IOWA STATE

Besides an NCAA probation, coach Jim Walden inherited the Big Eight's most inexperienced team. The Cyclones (6-5, 3-4) return only 10 starters, no quarterback, no kickers, and a depleted offensive line and secondary. "We have a big job ahead of us," said Walden, who had a record of 44-52-4 in nine years at Washington State.

Unable to pick a starter in spring practice, Walden said Derek DeGennaro, who was red-shirted last year, and Brett Sadek, a backup in '86, would go into the openers as co-starters. Walden did not rule out waiting until the pregame meal to select a starter. The receiver corps is the strength of the team. Dennis Ross (197) and Tom Schulting (171) "have the ability to make big plays," Walden said. Tailback Curtis Warren and fullback Joe Henderson made Walden think the Cyclones "might have a pretty fair running game, if we can come up with an offensive line."

Tackle Keith Sims (309) is the only starter returning in the line. Most of the projected starters have not lettered but one of them, center Chris Mussman (241), prevailed over two lettermen. There is no lack of size among the new linemen. Tackle Dave Martin and guard Ricky Wells, both sophomores, are 286 and 274, respectively, and tackle Randy Twit, another sophomore challenging for a starting job, weighs 308.

The defense returns ends Scott Benson (233) and Robert Dabney (229) and linebackers Anthony Hoskins and Chris Moore; the best of a thin and inexperienced corps of tackles are Ken Sandbloom (262) and Randy Bern (258). Starters in the all-new secondary are expected to be cornerback Joe Blankenship and free safety Jeff Dole and two junior college-transfers who will not arrive until the start of preseason practice, Ray Caruthers and Lopez Williams.

Freshman Jeff Shudak is expected to handle both punting and place-kicking duties.

KANSAS STATE

Although the Wildcats (2-9, 1-6) did not threaten in any of their conference defeats, rivals agreed that first-year coach Stan Parrish had them on a sound course. Parrish said, "We will be deeper, stronger, and better." But there is no indication the talent is much, if any, better.

Tailback Tony Jordan, whose 738 yards ranked fourth in the Big Eight and was the fourth-highest total in K-State history, starts and ends the list of assets. Quarterback Tim Hanson, who started the final game last year, was dislodged in spring practice by junior-college transfer Gary Swim. Dan Hughes is the only dependable wide receiver. Parrish hopes more use of the I-formation will improve the running attack. The offensive line, the Big Eight's smallest, returns three starters: tackle Chad Faulkner (255), guard Matt Garve (270), and center Rob Goods (245).

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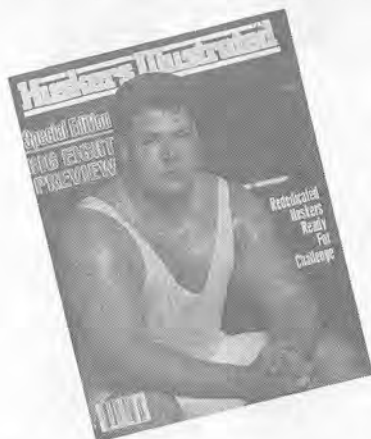
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Strong safety Erick Harper is the best of five starters returning on defense, which allowed a conference-high average of 31.2 points per game. Other regulars returning are ends Grady Newton (225) and Dewayne Baziel (200), nose guard Jim Oehm (235), and free safety Tyreese Herds.

Place-kicker Mark Porter was third in the conference, with 11 of 16 field goals, and twice tied a school record by kicking three field goals in a game. Shane Pouch and junior-college transfer Ken Olson are considered the best of the inexperienced punters.

KANSAS

Coach Bob Valesente candidly assessed the challenges facing the Jayhawks (3-8, 0-7) in his second season: "We've got to get better in all phases of the game. No other football team has a greater challenge."

He did not overstate the task. Few teams were worse than KU last year. In becoming the first Big Eight team to fail to win a conference game since they sank in 1978, the Jayhawks were last in the conference in five team categories, 100th nationally in rushing offense, 103rd in rushing defense, 100th in scoring, 102nd in total offense, and 92nd in scoring defense. Attempting to prove that a passing team can win in a running conference, Kansas collapsed in November and lost to Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Missouri by the margin of 182-3.

Fifteen starters return, but a receiver corps

passes but had seven interceptions and no touchdowns, is expected to benefit from a decision to place more emphasis on running and a switch from a one-back alignment to the I-formation. The offensive line returns only two starters, tackle Jim Davis (260) and guard Jay Allen (236), but senior lettermen are available at every position except center.

Eight starters return on defense, but end Teddy Newman (245) is the only one to impress his coaches last year. Tackle Eldridge Avery (255), end Scott Carlson (230), linebackers Rick Clayton, Rick Bredesen, and Stacy Henson, and cornerbacks Mike Fisher and Milt Garner are returning starters.

Punter Rich Rieth (39.0) and place-kicker Mac Smith (3-for-9 in field goals) return.

independent

TULSA

First-year coach George Henshaw inherited a nightmare: veer-option players to operate his passing offense against an oppressive schedule. In its second season as a Division I-A independent, the Hurricane (7-4) plays seven of its first eight games on the road. The only home game before October 31 is with Oklahoma. Prior to playing the Sooners, Tulsa plays Oklahoma State, Florida, and Arkansas and has road dates with Kansas State, Temple, and Texas Tech after Oklahoma.

Henshaw, the offensive coordinator the last four years at Alabama, might have had a troublesome debut against a representative schedule. The players who were capable in the veer that ex-coach Don Morton (now at Wisconsin) used, looked lost in Henshaw's offense. Marcus McVay, projected as an outstanding option quarterback, will move to flanker. Frank Cassano, a redshirt freshman, and incoming frosh T.J. Rubley and Brett Bulow are the new quarterbacks. Letterman Erick Harrison, redshirt freshmen Dan Bitson and Walter Dunagin, another converted quarterback, McVay, and true freshmen Ralph Miller (170) and Jamal West (185) make Henshaw think, "We can catch the ball if we can get it to them." Tailback Derrick Ellison rushed for 1,064 yards last year but is smaller than Henshaw prefers. Coby Morrison, from SMU, is the fullback. Tackle Steve Hegdale (280) is the only lineman to impress. Henshaw hopes the fall arrival of tailback Don Maloney, who was a reserve on Oklahoma's national championship team in 1985 and attended junior-college last year, and split end Elmer Thomas from SMU will bolster the attack.

Tulsa's defense offers fewer headaches. Seven starters return: end Donnie Dee (240), tackles Dennis Byrd (248) and Scott Estes (245), nose guard Anthony Brown (235), linebackers David Haynes and John Brown, and strong safety Doug Desherow. SMU transfers A.J. Miller and Rod Wilson are expected to start at linebacker and free safety.

David Fuess (13-of-22 field goals and 34-of-35 extra points) returns as the place-kicker and freshman Danny Phelps is the punter.

gateway conference

NORTHERN IOWA

(7-3-1, 4-2) Coach Darrell Wallace has his eyes on the Gateway crown with 39 lettermen returning from a squad that posted a 7-3-1 record and second-place conference finish.

Once again the offense will be guided by senior quarterback Mike Smith. He ranked No.

1 in the GC in passing (190 of 303 attempts for 3,125 yards and 27 TDs). Smith will miss the receiving corps of Scott Franke and Luis Gonzalez but has capable targets in tight ends Brian Baker (46 receptions, 10 TDs) and Sherrod Howard. There is also a balanced ground attack with Carl Boyd (751 yards, 4 TDs) and Errol Peebles (769-6). They should see plenty of daylight since an experienced line, led by all-conference center Mark Hanssen (6-1, 255), returns intact.

The Panthers will need to fill some holes at linebacker but the secondary remains solid. Cornerbacks Thelonious Key and Kevin Anderson return as does all-conference end Jeff Beales. The kicking game is questionable with the loss of Mike Angell and punter Clay Wetu-sil. Senior Kevin Mote had 43 points last season as Angell's backup and this season he will also handle the punting chores.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

(11-2, 5-1) The Panthers dominated the Gateway Conference in 1986, which is nothing unusual. EIU has played consistently winning football since their Division II national championship in 1978. After losing the '86 season opener to Illinois State, the Panthers won 10 straight before losing to Eastern Kentucky in the NCAA I-AA quarterfinals.

Bob Spoo, the former quarterback coach at Purdue, has replaced Al Molde, who has moved on to Western Michigan. Spoo won't have All-America defensive end John Jurko-



DARRELL WALLACE
Missouri



RONNIE CAMERON
Missouri



TONY JORDAN
Kansas State

vic to disrupt quarterbacks in '87. Jurkovic underwent knee surgery in the spring and will sit out the season. Healthy defensive standouts include all-conference corner Rod Reynolds, lineman Carl Parker, and inside linebacker Jeff Mills, the leading tackler.

The loss of quarterback Sean Payton and receiver Roy Banks has necessitated a restructuring of the offense. EIU will return to a two-back set to exploit the explosive tandem of James Marable and Duwayne Pitts. Marable averaged 112.7 all-purpose yards per game in '86 while Pitts is a rushing and receiving threat. He rushed for 476 yards and caught 24 passes. EIU's leading scorer, place-kicker Rich Emke (83 points), returns for his senior year.

ILLINOIS STATE

(5-5, 3-3) The Redbirds figure to improve upon last season's fourth-place conference finish with 35 lettermen and eight starters on both offense and defense. Piloting the offense will be sophomore Pat Williams, who saw limit-

led by Willie Vaughn and tailback Arnold Snell is the only asset. Vaughn was second in conference receptions with 41 and flanker Ronnie Caldwell was third with 39. Snell was fifth with 35 and sixth in conference rushing. Quarterback Kelly Donohoe, who started the last three games and completed 55 percent of his

ed action in '86 (33 of 62 passes and five TDs). His primary targets are seniors Billy Garrett (24 receptions, 307 yards) and Tim Turner (20-345) and sophomore Bill Miller. Fullback Marty Casper will be missed but red-shirt freshman Vic Northern is a bruiser cut from the same mold. The entire line returns intact and is anchored by offensive MVP Charles Calhoun (6-2, 262) at guard.

The Redbirds have had the best defense in the conference for three years running and this season should be no different. The unit is led by honorable mention All-America tackle John Kropke (6-4, 270), who contributed 12 of a school-record 47 sacks a year ago. The secondary features safety Jeff Smith, the GC's interception leader the past two years. Kicker Paul Politi has graduated but punter Mike McCabe (39.1 avg.) is back.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

(7-4, 4-2) Coach Ray Dorr's program finally paid off in 1986 with a 7-4 record and a second-place Gateway finish. The Salukis, who were 3-8 in '84 and 4-7 in '85, hope for even further improvement to challenge for the conference championship.

Once again the offense will operate out of the splitback-veer set, but who will direct the attack is still in question. Competing for quarterback are last season's starter, Pat King, who is recovering from injuries; Kevin Brown, who looked sharp in spring drills; and sophomore Freddie Gibson, who redshirted as a freshman. The starter should receive ample protection from a seasoned line which is anchored by standout tackle David Smith (6-8, 270). The Salukis have some fine receivers, the best of which is three-year letterman Bobby Sloan. Byron Mitchell and Paul Patterson are in the backfield.

Defensively, the Salukis are deep with eight starters back. Standouts include Ezell Shelton, Mike Carbonaro, the team's best linebacker, and back Charles Bell. David Peters replaces punter Drew Morrison and John Brda will once again do the place-kicking.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

(6-5, 2-4) The Leathernecks finished fifth in the Gateway last season but led the league in passing defense (147.6 yards per game) and

regular is assured of a position this year: senior tackle Rick Renner (6-0, 250). Marty Lomelino heads a list of candidates for linebacker roles. Dave Edmond, last year's leading scorer, is sitting out this season but punter Mike Krause is back. Layne Bennett will handle the place-kicking.

Offensively, the Leathernecks have averaged nearly 350 yards per game the last three years. This season's unit is young but has



RICK BREDEZEN
Kansas

some experience. Junior quarterback Paul Singer had 10 touchdown passes in 1986 and threw for 1,102 yards. Soph backs Mike Cox and Brett Grimshaw combined for 939 yards rushing. The conference's biggest line is led by guard Keith Blue (6-3, 265), center Mike Morrison (6-2, 265), and tackles Russ Bal and John Wisnosky.

INDIANA STATE

(3-8, 1-5) The Fighting Sycamores managed to win only three games in 1986, but a year of experience should enable the Blue and Gray to improve on last year's sixth-place conference finish. Coach Dennis Raetz has 34 lettermen returning but some key gaps need to be filled. One bright spot is the quarterback, Kyle Frondorf (143 of 274 for 1,962 yards and 6 TDs) didn't get the starting nod until after the third game of last season, but once at the helm he proved effective enough to become the second-leading passer in the school's history. He has capable receivers in Gary Cannon (43-631 yards) and Chris Johnson (29-613). Leading rusher Charles Walls returns but replacements will be needed for tailback Tracy Stewart and fullback Leonard Winborn. The line is solid and returns all but All-America tackle Mike Simmonds. Corey Potter, who missed a portion of the season with a leg injury, will handle the place-kicking.

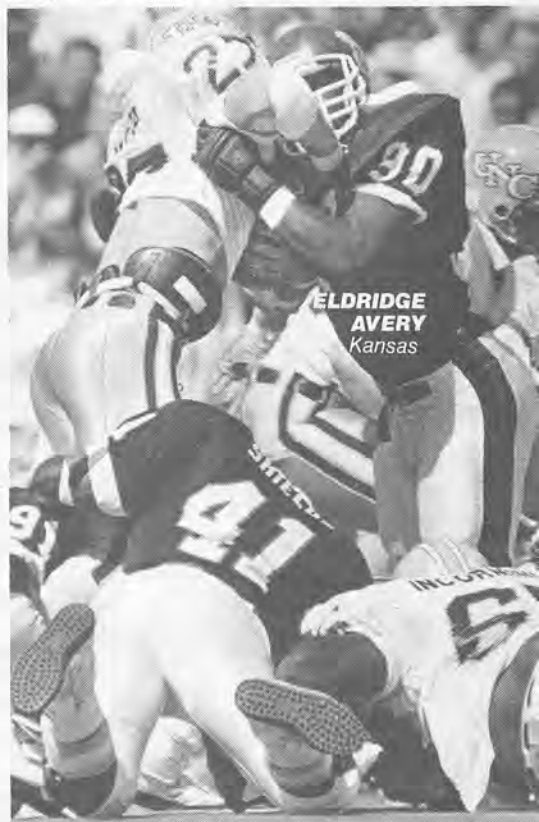
The defense was hit hardest by graduation but the secondary remains solid. Strong safety Steve McKeel netted four interceptions and earned honorable mention All-America honors. Also returning are cornerback Lavent Blaylock and free safety Walter Crutchfield. The remainder of the defense is questionable, especially with the loss of the two leading tacklers, Troy Johnson and Tim Cunningham. Juniors Ken Hopp and Matt Campbell will help fill the void. Daryl Harshman will handle the punting.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

(3-7, 1-5) The 1986 campaign was a learning process for the young Bears. First-year coach Jesse Branch opted for youth with a squad of over 50 percent freshmen. Their lack of experience was evident in a last-place conference tie with Indiana State. The Bears should improve in '87 with nine starters back on both offense and defense.

The offense will once again operate out of the flexbone, which features a trio of soph scoring threats: quarterback David Johnson and backs Tony Gilbert (5.6 yards per carry) and Cedric Carswell. The lone seniors are fullback Elijah Dukes and tight end Bill Norton.

Seniors Ken Braden (6-1, 214) and Matt Soraghen (6-2, 225) are stickouts on defense



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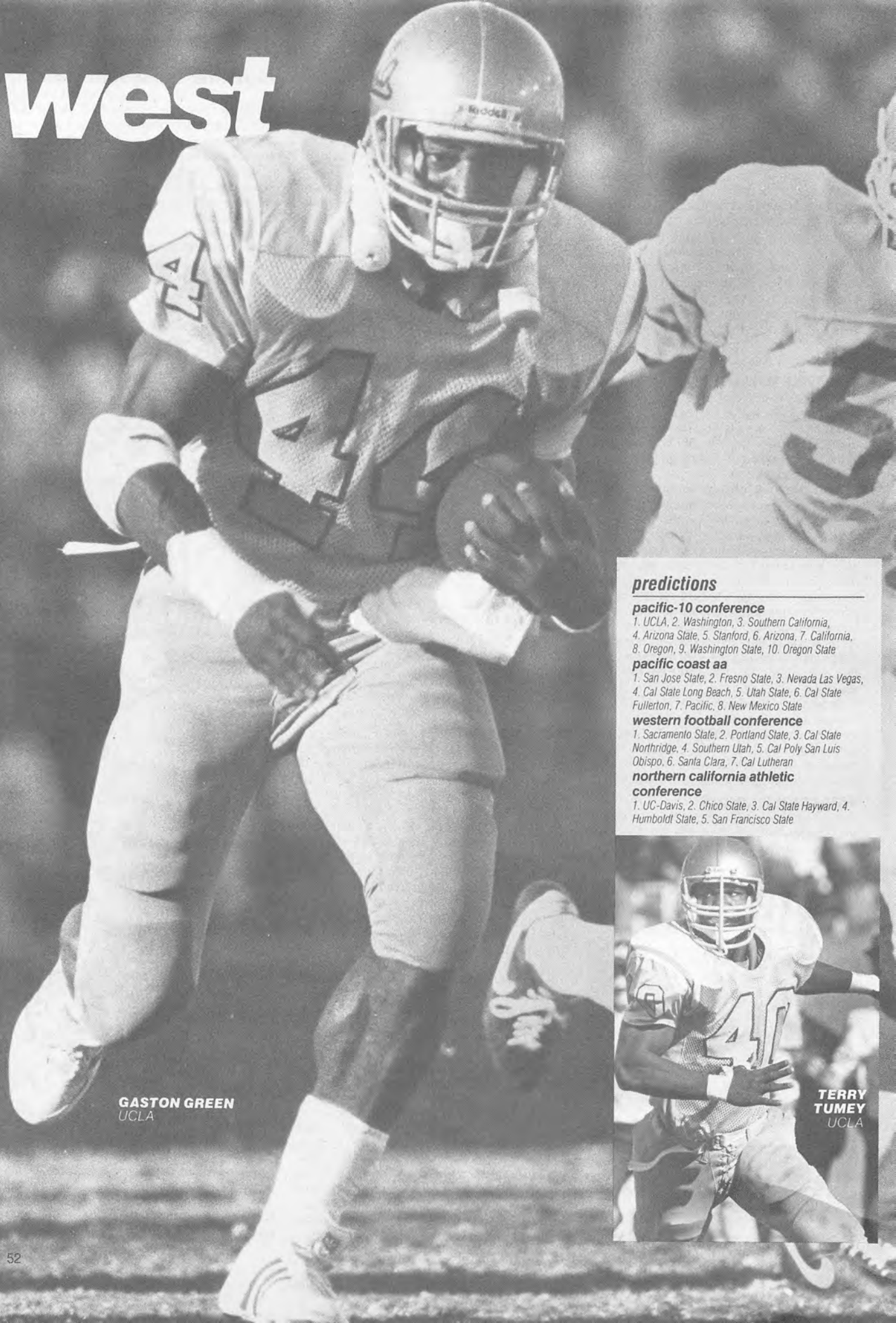
were second in total defense (290.0 yards per game). The unit ranked 18th nationally but lost nine starters and will rely on new line coach Bill Wilt to assemble a group described as quick and strong but lacking the size of previous WIU squads. The defense lost All-America tackle Todd Auer, and only one full-time



ARNOLD SNELL
Kansas

with 195 tackles between them last season. The secondary will miss John Thomas and his five interceptions (which came in the Bears three victories), but sophomore Tim Gray and all-conference Preston Estes return. Place-kicker and leading scorer Chris Potthast is back but punter Mike Atzen is not.

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UCLA

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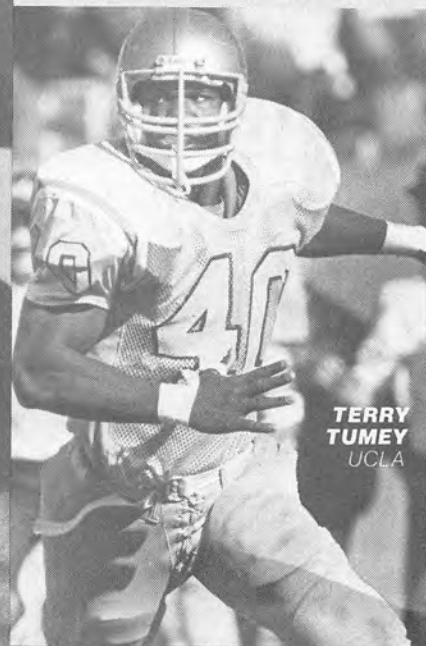
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● The Pacific-10 is the best football conference in the country. Argue if you want, but consider the following:

Four Pac-10 teams (Arizona State, Arizona, UCLA, and Washington) finished in the top 20 of the final Associated Press, United Press International, and USA Today polls in 1986. No other conference had more than three. For much of the year, Southern California and Stanford were in the top 20, too. All six teams went to bowls.

The Pac-10 has now won an amazing 11 of the last 12 Rose Bowls from Big Ten teams, including six straight, and has outscored its Midwest opponents by a whopping 120 points, 288-168. During those same dozen years, the Pac-10's traditional Big Three (UCLA, Washington, and USC) are a combined 18-8-1 in bowl games.

The National Football League drafted more players (45) from the Pac-10 this year than from any other conference (41 were taken from the Southeastern Conference, 37 from the Big Ten). And the 1986 NFL rosters showed 183 former Pac-10 players to 140 for the SEC and 110 for the Big Ten.

No one is more aware of all these numbers than Tom Hansen, the former NCAA executive who has come home to the West as Pac-10 commissioner. "I don't think we've ever had six bowl teams and six teams in the top 20 for virtually the entire year, with all of them finishing in the top 25," he said. "And we did that even working against a built-in bias in the polls, because people don't see us that much." Hansen doesn't think the success is any fluke. "Our teams throw the ball very well," he said. "We have excellent quickness—as the Rose Bowl clearly demonstrates—fine coaching, and good schools behind them to attract top players."

The Pac-10, which used to be ground under regularly by the Big Ten when it was known as the Pacific Coast Conference (and later the Pacific 8) after World War II, began the rise to its current prominence in the 1960s, behind coaches like John McKay, who won two national championships at USC, and UCLA's Tommy Prothro. After one Rose Bowl defeat, Woody Hayes of Ohio State was so impressed by what the Trojans had done to his Buckeyes that he said, "I don't think anybody has ever tied the run and the pass together as well as John McKay."

Hansen thinks the Pac-10 will be able to sustain the kind of showing it's had for several seasons, although he said, "We may not be quite as good this year unless some of our young quarterbacks can develop quickly."

Six veteran quarterbacks (Chris Miller, John Paye, Jeff Van Raaphorst, Alfred Jenkins, Matt Stevens, and Ed Blount) have moved on. But two of the best in the country, Washington's Chris Chandler and USC's Rodney Peete, return. Chandler is a Heisman Trophy candidate, along with Gaston Green of UCLA and Brad Muster of Stanford. There are also two prime contenders for the Lombardi and Butkus awards: linebackers Marcus Cotton of USC and Ken Norton of UCLA.

The Pac-10 is so potent that the Arizona schools, both in the top 11 nationally last season, may not finish in the top three in the con-

ference this time. The guess is that UCLA, Washington, and USC, under former Arizona coach Larry Smith, all are a little better, and 1986 surprise team Stanford could be, too.

San Jose State, with all its offensive lightning (Mike Perez, Kenny Jackson, and Guy Liggins) returning, will be an overwhelming favorite to repeat as PCAA champion over Fresno State, which could be plenty good as well. There's no clear-cut No. 1 in the Western Football Conference, but '86 champion Sacramento State seems to have enough firepower returning to hold off Portland State and Cal State Northridge.

pacific-10 conference

UCLA

For the first time since 1981, the Bruins will be starting without a fifth-year senior at quarterback. But they have perhaps the leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy as well as a candidate for the Butkus and Lombardi awards, a two-time all-Pac-10 nose guard, and nearly a dozen other players of note. All of which should be enough to insure that Terry Donahue's team gets a chance to extend its record of victories in five straight bowl games.

One of two juniors, run-oriented Brendan McCracken (6-0, 203) or Oklahoma transfer Troy Aikman (6-3½, 217), will open in the



ERIC SMITH
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Punter . Herick Mandel . SR . Utah State

backfield with tailback Gaston Green, who may well have a Heisman in his future, and senior fullback Mel Farr (6-0, 218), a two-year starter. There's the usual depth at tailback, too, in Eric Ball, stopped by injuries last season, James Primus, and Danny Thompson. Linebacker Carnell Lake may be shifted over to work behind Farr. The wideouts should be speedy senior Willie (Flipper) Anderson, who had a team-leading 36 receptions, and senior Paco Craig (5-10½, 175), in place of No. 2 all-time Bruin career receiver Karl Dorrell. Senior Joe Pickert (6-5, 235) or sophomore Charles Arbuckle (6-2, 239) will replace Derek Tennell at tight end.

The Bruins lost Joe Goebel, Eric Rogers, Jim Alexander, and Otto Zwaneveld in the offensive line, but still figure to be solid up front with seniors Russ Warnick (6-6, 262) and John Kidder (6-5½, 270) along with SMU transfer David Richards (6-5, 305) at tackle, sophomore Frank Cornish (6-4½, 260) and either soph Rick Meyer (6-6½, 253) or senior Mark Schmidt (6-5, 258) at guard, and converted defensive lineman Doug Wassel (6-4, 255) or red-shirt freshman Lance Zeno (6-4, 250) at center.

Seven defensive starters return from a team that was 8-3-1 overall (5-2-1 and tied for second in the Pac-10) and beat BYU handily in the Freedom Bowl. The leaders are Butkus/Lombardi hopeful Ken Norton (6-2, 220) at



KEN NORTON
UCLA



JAMES WASHINGTON
UCLA

Gaston Green

UCLA opponents need not be apprised that Gaston Green is a big fan of Humphrey Bogart. They already know Green is a tough guy. Tough enough to have fought back several times from injuries and tough enough to have established himself as a front runner for the Heisman Trophy in the last year of a brilliant career with the Bruins.

Green, a man who smiles a lot, had to be happy when he capped a fine season by running for 266 yards and three touchdowns in UCLA's 31-10 win over BYU in the Freedom Bowl. His yardage total topped the collegiate bowl record of 265 set by Rice's Dicky Moegle in the 1954 Cotton Bowl. Often, it seemed Green moved past Outland Trophy winner Jason Buck and Shawn Knight, both high pro draft picks, as if they were attached to the Anaheim turf. But then, the swift, instinctive Green has made a lot of people look planted.

He has stopped himself almost as often as other teams have stopped him. As a sophomore, the 5-10½, 190-pound Green missed four games and part of a fifth with a sprained knee ligament. Then, in the second quarter of the Rose Bowl, he was sidelined by a pulled hamstring. And early last season, he was slowed by a turf toe. With all the injury problems, his statistics have remained quite healthy. He set a UCLA freshman record with 516 yards, gained 712 in limited play as a sophomore, and a school-record 1,405, including his bowl show, as a junior. His regular-season average of 113.9 rushing yards per game led the Pac-10 and was 11th-best in the nation.

"He's a jewel, the best runner we've had since Freeman McNeil," says Bruin coach Terry Donahue.

Green, a prep All-America at Gardena High School, was a USC fan as a kid, wearing Trojan hats and T-shirts and pretending he was O.J. Simpson in pickup games. And he might have ended up in that long line of Trojan tailbacks, if SC hadn't been on probation when he was nearing the end of high school—and if UCLA hadn't shown more interest in him.

"They told me they hadn't had a back who could carry the ball a lot since McNeil," Green says, "and they felt I was capable of that." Capable and more, as it turned out. He's now fourth on UCLA's all-time list of rushers behind Theotis Brown, Wendell Tyler, and McNeil, and needs just 563 yards to become No. 1.

Green would like to star in remakes of Bogart movies someday. For now, Bruin fans are just looking forward to his playing it again for them.

Dwight Chapin

inside linebacker and senior all-conference nose guard Terry Tumey (6-1½, 230). Norton led the Bruins with 106 tackles and broke up nine passes; Tumey made 57 stops, 13 behind the line, including 7 sacks.

Junior Jim Wahler (6-3½, 243) and senior Jeff Glasser (6-4, 243) should be at tackle; either junior Chance Johnson (6-1, 219) or sophomore Brian Jones (6-3, 215) at inside backer opposite Norton, and All-America candidate Eric Smith (6-3½, 225, 11 sacks) and either Lake or senior Melvin Jackson (6-3½, 226) outside. Senior Ben Hummel (6-4, 230), another transfer from SMU, may figure.

Craig Rutledge and Chuckie Miller are gone from the secondary, but junior corner Darryl Henley (5-10, 165) and senior safety James Washington, a 1985 All-America hampered by injuries in '86, return. They'll likely be joined by senior corner Dennis Price (6-1, 173), also hurt much of last season, and senior free safety Alan Dial (6-1, 187).

Harold Barkate (42.4-yard average) and Kirk Maggio, who shared punting duties, are back, but place-kicker David Franey is not. Competing for his job are sophs Alfredo Velasco and Wes Denton.

The Bruins have the Pac-10's best record over the last five years and despite the lack of a proven leader at quarterback, the pattern shouldn't change much this season. There are still runners galore and a coach who's second to none in the college game, a coach who likes his job so much he passed up a chance to lead the Atlanta Falcons.

WASHINGTON

Most Pac-10 schools are looking for quarterbacks, but there's no such search in Seattle, where senior Chris Chandler is probably the best in the conference. If he stays healthy and keeps progressing, All-America honors and even a Heisman Trophy could await. So should a ninth straight bowl appearance for the Huskies, 8-3-1 and tied for second in the league at 5-2-1 last season. Don James will have to find people to take over for All-America defensive tackle Reggie Rogers and safety Tim Peoples, all-coast fullback Rick Fenney, and NCAA record-setting place-kicker Jeff Jaeger. But he has 14 returning starters, seven on both offense and defense.

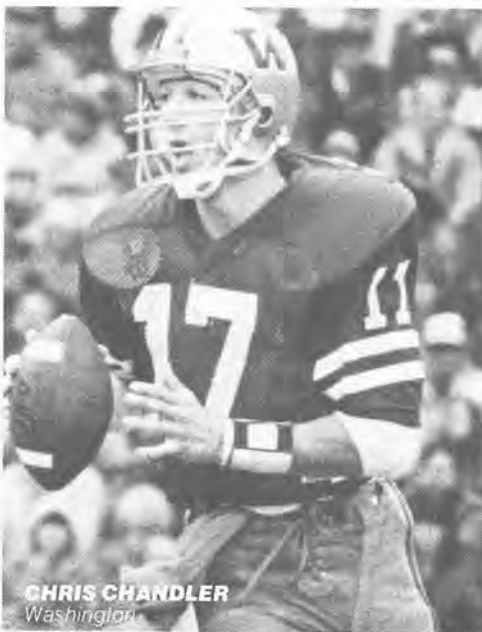


DARRYL FRANKLIN
Washington

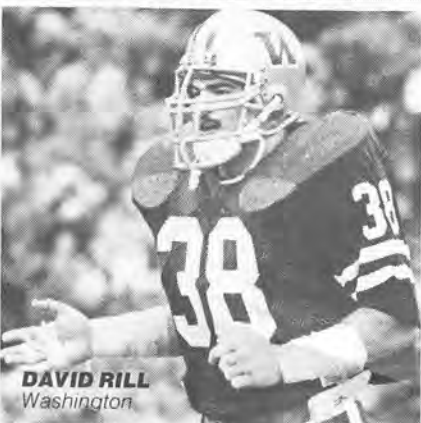
Chandler, who threw for 1,994 yards and 20 TDs, will have two familiar names with him: junior tailback Vince Weathersby (880 yards rushing) and senior split end Darryl Franklin (26 catches for 427 yards). Veterans Tony Covington, Aaron Jenkins, and Ricky Meyer will work in Fenney's spot, with junior Brian Slater (6-4, 195) taking over for Lonzell Hill as the other wide receiver. Fourth-year man Scott Jones (6-6, 244) is the likely tight end, in place of all-Pac-10 performer Rod Jones. Only freshman center Bern Trostek (6-2, 272) started every game in an injury-plagued offensive line, but there's no shortage of talent, with juniors Brett Wiese (6-3½, 274) and Mike Zandofsky (6-2½, 296), another all-conference choice, at guards and senior Rick McLeod (6-6½, 268) at a tackle. The other tackle position, vacated by Kevin Gogan, may go to junior Kelly John-Lewis (6-8, 295).

James is concerned about his defensive line, which is minus Steve Alvord and Steve Roberts as well as the redoubtable Rogers. Senior Brian Habib (6-5, 280) and soph Dennis Brown (6-4, 302) should get two starting spots, junior Bob Willig (6-5, 247) is the top candidate for a third, and three players—Marty Harrison (6-4, 223), Mark Poole (6-2, 225), and Tim Esary (6-2, 228)—vie for the fourth.

No worries at linebacker, where seniors David Rill (6-1, 220), Tom Erlandson (6-2, 216), and Bo Yates (6-1, 211) form what probably is



CHRIS CHANDLER
Washington



DAVID RILL
Washington

the conference's best unit. They were 1-2-6 in team tackles last season with a combined 329. All are smart, diligent workers.

And three starters are back in the secondary: corners Tony Zackery (6-2, 189), who hurt a knee in the spring, and Art Malone (5-10, 176) and strong safety Darryl Hall (6-2, 191). Senior David Toy, formerly a tailback, will get first chance to replace Peoples at weak safety. Senior Demouy Williams and sophomore Le-Lo Lang are good backups.

James has major tasks in replacing Jaeger and four-year punter Thane Cleland. Fifth-year senior Grant Johnson is the most experienced place-kicking prospect; Paul MacKenzie, Liam Hayes, Eric Canton, and Jeff Kohlwees all will be tested as possible punters.

James likens his talent losses to those of 1984, when the Huskies said goodbye to players such as Ron Holmes, Tim Meamber, and Joe Krakoski. The record dropped off from 11-1 in '84 to 7-5 in '85. But Chandler was just a youngster then, a youngster who engineered a win in the Freedom Bowl over Colorado. He's improved to the point where James says he is "potentially the best quarterback we've ever had." That includes people like Warren Moon, Steve Pelluer, and Tom Flick. The feeling is he is now good enough and experienced enough to keep Washington in the run for the roses all season long.

SOUTHERN CAL

Now that Ted Tollner has shuffled off to Buffalo and the Bills, it's Larry Smith's turn to experience life in the Los Angeles pressure cooker. Smith, who did an excellent job in seven seasons at Arizona, reminds some veteran Trojan watchers of former SC coach John McKay in his approach, particularly in practice, and that can't be all bad. But no matter his style, Smith had better win more than Tollner did, particularly in high-profile games.

He isn't starting with a bare cupboard. Thirteen starters are back from a team that was 7-5 overall, 5-3 in the tough Pac-10, and went to the Florida Citrus Bowl. Two premier players are the multi-dimensional quarterback Rodney Peete and the fierce linebacker Marcus Cotton, a second-team All-America and candidate for the Butkus and Lombardi awards. Junior Peete threw for 2,138 yards, the third-

and junior tight end Paul Green (6-3, 230), used mostly as the H-back in motion last season. Sophomore Leroy Holt (6-0, 210) should replace Todd Steele at fullback.

There's another of those traditional and talented whoppers at tackle, senior Dave Cadigan (6-5, 270), a second-team all-Pac-10 choice. Senior John Katnik (6-1, 250) returns at center and soph Brent Parkinson (6-6, 250) at one guard. Jeff Bregel and Bruce Parks have moved on, perhaps to be replaced by senior guard John Page (6-5, 275) and junior tackles John Guerrero (6-4, 300) and Darrell Marshall (6-4, 290), a JC transfer.

The defensive line, an Achilles' heel last season because of inexperience, should be much better, thanks to precocious sophomores Tim Ryan (6-5, 250), named top freshman lineman in the country by the *Sporting News*, and Dan Owens (6-4, 235), at tackle and nose guard. Senior Gary Willison (6-4, 255) and juniors Joe Walshe (6-2, 260) and Alex Stewart (6-5, 260) will contest the other tackle spot.

The linebacking should again be terrific. Inside are seniors Rex Moore (6-1, 225), who led the team with 206 tackles, and Keith Davis (6-1, 235), who had 155 stops. Outside are the marvelous Cotton (6-4, 220), who numbered 17 tackles for loss, including 10 quarterback sacks, among his 149 tackles and deflected 12 passes and Bill Stokes (6-3, 220).

The major question for Smith is in the secondary, where consensus All-America Tim McDonald, Junior Thurman, and Louis Brock all are gone. Returning senior cornerback Greg Coauette (6-3, 210) likely will team with junior Tracy Butts (5-10, 190) or sophomore Dwayne Garner (6-0, 185), with freshman All-America Cleveland Colter (6-2, 190) and either frosh redshirt Mark Carrier (6-2, 175) or senior Jeff Maree (5-10, 190) at safeties.

Cool junior Chris Sperle averaged 39.3 yards a punt. Wide receiver Eric Affholter may step in for Don Shafer as the place-kicker if freshman Quin Rodriguez isn't ready.

Smith favors a run-oriented I-formation offense and an attacking, big-play defense. He seems to have the people to do both well, and if he can settle on his secondary and get his other troops in sync early, the Trojans could be very tough. They're home the last four weeks of the season.

ARIZONA STATE

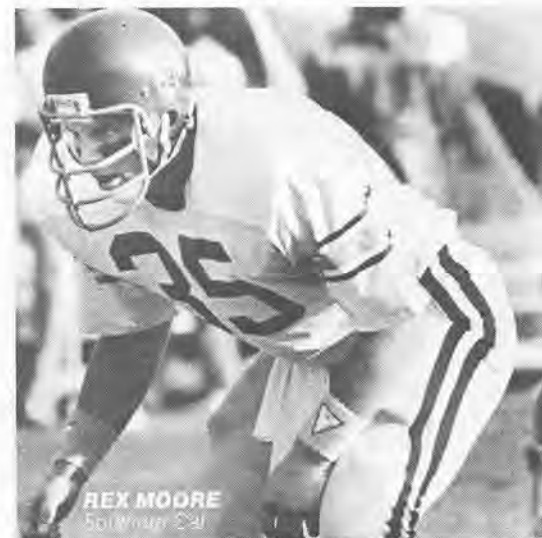
The Sun Devils look a little thinner than a year ago, when coach John Cooper took the team on its first-ever Rose Bowl trip.

It would help if one of two junior quarterbacks, Dan Ford and John Walker, can approximate the excellent play of the departed Jeff Van Raaphorst. The running backs, seniors Darryl Harris (1,042 yards rushing, 109 of them in the Rose Bowl) and Channing Williams (540 yards), return at tailback and fullback, and all-Pac-10 senior Aaron Cox (29 catches for 591 yards) is back at split end. Big junior Chris Garrett (6-4, 204) is likely at flanker, but the top tight ends probably will be freshmen: Jeff Johnson (6-3, 200) and Ryan McReynolds (6-7, 232).

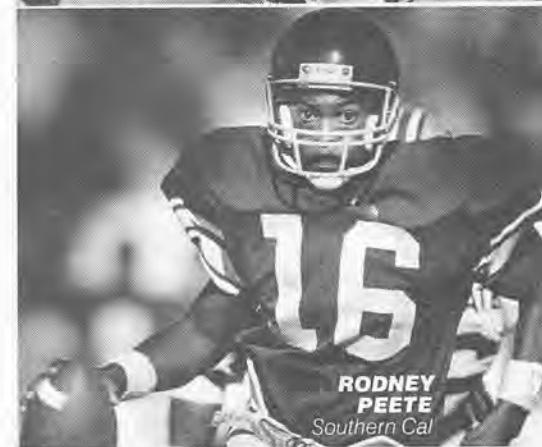
The offensive line, one of the best in the country last season, loses Danny Villa, Kevin Thomas, and Jim Warne but returns All-America guard Randall McDaniel (6-5, 261) and his running mate, senior Todd Kalis (6-6, 267). The tackles are junior Scott Kirby (6-5, 276)

and sophomore Fedel Underwood (6-4, 299) with junior Steve Spurling (6-3, 254) and soph Eddie Grant (6-3, 248) vying at center.

Five defensive starters have moved on, with Skip McLendon, Scott Stephen, and Darren Willis the hardest to replace from the 10-1-1 squad that beat Michigan, 22-15, in Pasadena. Senior Shawn Patterson (6-5, 257) had what Cooper calls a "fanatical" spring at tackle, but the situation is unsure around him. Junior Rick Zumwalt (6-3, 224) and senior Pat



REX MOORE
Southern Cal



RODNEY PEETE
Southern Cal

Taylor (6-3, 231) are competing at one end, seniors Trace Armstrong (6-5, 250) and Mark Duckens (6-4, 265) at the other. Soph Richard Davis (6-1, 286) likely will open at nose guard, but he's been inconsistent.

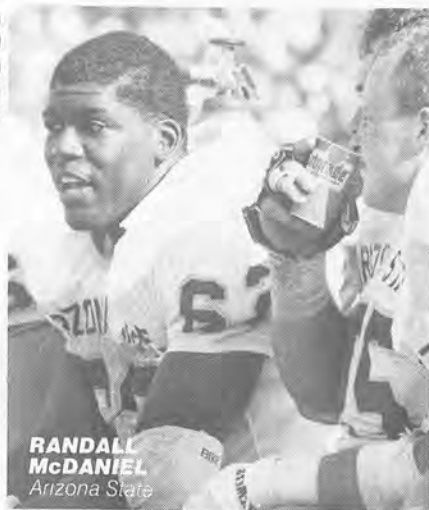
The Sun Devils' most valuable defensive player, senior Greg Clark (6-1, 225), and senior Stacy Harvey (6-4, 230), who had 11 tackles against Michigan, are fine inside linebackers. But again, matters around them are unsettled. Bidding to take over for Stephen are a pair of untested freshmen: Terence Johnson (6-3, 223) and Kerry McDaniel (6-3, 220). Junior Robby Boyd (6-2, 194) returns at roverback, with seniors Anthony Parker (5-11, 181) and Eric Allen (5-11, 188) again at the corners. Both were honorable mention all-Pac-10. Either soph Bernard Jones (6-1, 192) or junior Jeff Mahlstede (6-3, 195) will try to replace Willis at free safety.

The kickers are both junior veterans: punter Mike Schuh, whose average fell off from 41.7 yards a game to 39 but with better placement, and Kent Bostrom (42 of 45 PATs, 15 of 19 FG

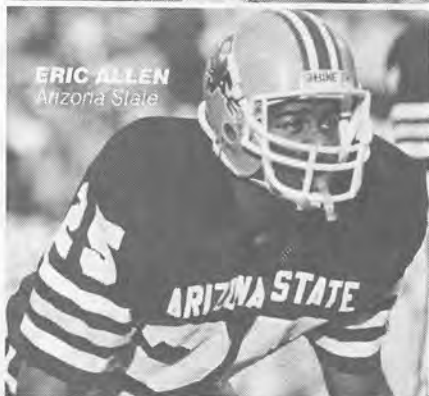


VINCE WEATHERSBY
Washington

best total ever at Troy, and ran for 124 more. He can call on tailbacks Steve Webster, who won a starting role in spring practice, and Ryan Knight (team-leading 536 yards rushing), senior wide receivers Ken Henry (43 catches for 807 yards) and Randy Tanner,



**RANDALL
McDANIEL**
Arizona State



ERIC ALLEN
Arizona State



AARON COOK
Arizona State



DARRYL HARRIS
Arizona State

attempts), with another of the kicking Zendejas family, Alan, in the wings.

Everything meshed perfectly in a dream season in '86. Another Pac-10 championship certainly seems possible, particularly considering that the Devils play just seven conference games, and only one of them (against Washington in Seattle on October 10) looks like a difficult road test. But enough questions remain unanswered that Cooper is wondering how good his team will be. He knows to do it again he needs the same sort of efficient offense, which may be hard to come by with a new quarterback, and more opportunistic play out of a defense that preferred to sit back and wait for things to happen.

STANFORD

The Cardinal finally found a defense in 1986, and the result was a wonderful season: an 8-3 record (5-3 in the Pac-10), a top 20 ranking at one point, and a trip to the Gator Bowl. But another season to remember could be difficult to achieve, because six key performers are gone from that sterling defensive unit, and four-year starting quarterback John Paye has been subtracted from the offense.

It's likely Jack Elway's team will go as far offensively as Heisman Trophy candidate Brad Muster can carry it. Muster, a 6-3 226-pound senior, has always been an all-purpose running back, gaining 1,053 yards rushing, catching 61 passes for 565 yards, and scoring 78 points in an All-America season last year. With Paye, running backs Kevin Scott and Brian Morris, and wide receiver Thomas Henley all gone, he may have to be all-purpose nearly all the time.

Senior Greg Ennis (6-2, 205), who replaced the injured Paye in two games and played pretty well, should be Elway's new quarterback, with senior fullback Marshall Dillard (6-3, 215) scheduled to start alongside Muster. There appears to be a promising stock of pass receivers in All-America candidate Jeff James (52 catches for 779 yards), sophomore Ed McCaffrey (6-6, 220), and seniors Carl Morris, Henry Green, and Spencer Cotten. In addition, there is incumbent tight end Eric Snelson, a good blocker who caught 21 passes for 183 yards.

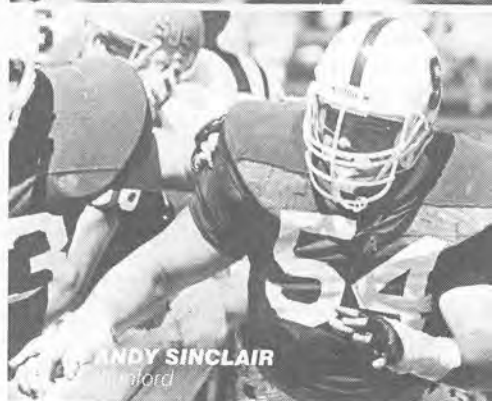
Linemen Kurt Josephson and Tom Nye have graduated, but back are senior tackle John Zentner (6-5, 265), junior guard Andy Papathanassiou (6-4, 250), and honorable mention All-America center Andy Sinclair (6-3, 275). Seniors Jeff Marchin (6-4, 265) and Robbie Coffin (6-5, 270), both capable and experienced, are vying for the other tackle spot; senior John Mahoney (6-2, 255) has the early edge at the other guard.

The defense, third against the rush and second against scoring in the Pac-10, loses all-conference tackle Tony Leiker and linebacker Dave Wyman, along with linebacker Chris Weber and Mike Noble and backs Toi Cook and Walt Harris. But there are six starters returning: sophomore tackle Lester Archambeau (6-5, 245), a budding star, and junior nose guard Ray Huckestein (6-2, 245), senior linebackers Kurt Colehower (6-2, 230) and Barry McKeever (6-3, 241), senior safety Brad Humphreys (6-3, 200), and junior cornerback Alan Grant (5-10, 184).

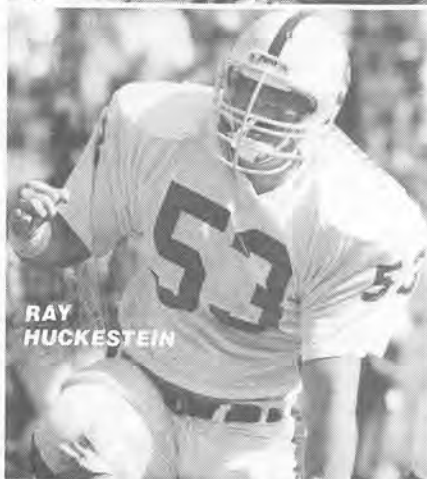
Seniors Sean Scheller (6-6, 252) and Joe Lorrie (6-4, 250) will fight it out for a tackle spot. Either senior Kevin Richardson or junior Darron Bennett (6-3, 215) should team with



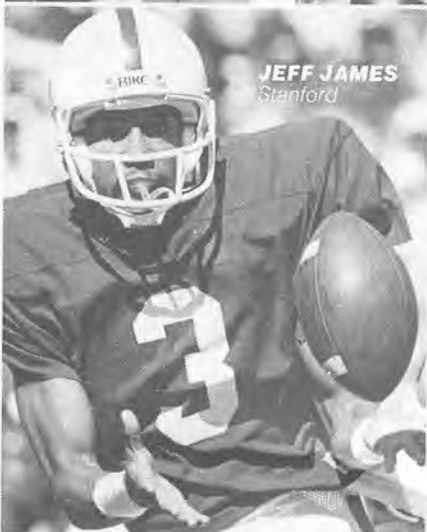
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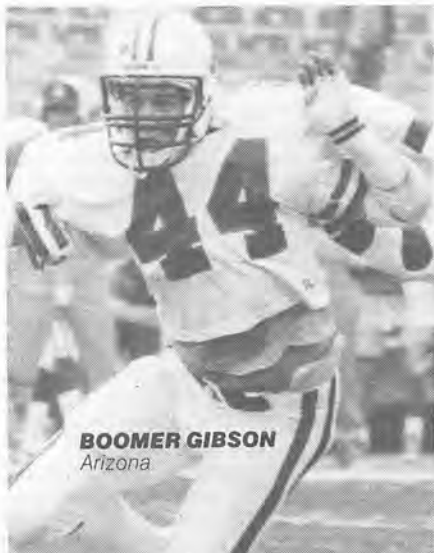
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JEFF JAMES
Stanford



BOOMER GIBSON
Arizona



CHUCK CECIL

McKeever at inside linebacker and junior Rob Hickley (6-5, 235) figures to start with Cole-hower outside. Seniors Rick Theder (6-3, 200), who had knee surgery in the spring, and Bruce Richardson (6-3, 200) are ahead at the other safety spot; seniors Pat Kelly (6-0, 196) and Chris Young (6-2, 185) are competing at the other corner.

Senior punter Doug Robison averaged 41.6 yards a try, but place-kicker David Sweeney had an agonizing season, making just 4 of 15 field-goal attempts, and could be supplanted by freshman John Hopkins.

Elway won't have to wait long to see how his new ingredients come together: the Cardinal opens in Husky Stadium against Washington the first week in September.

ARIZONA

The Wildcats think they've reached the point where turning out quality teams is not so much a matter of rebuilding as reloading. But new coach Dick Tomey may wonder where all the ammunition has gone. Tomey, the 10-year head coach at Hawaii who moved in when Larry Smith moved on to USC, loses the No. 2 passer, No. 3 runner, and No. 2 receiver in

school history, along with one of the five top college linebackers in the country. Among other things. Replacing Alfred Jenkins, David Adams, Jon Horton, Byron Evans, and friends may not be impossible but it certainly will be difficult, and it's unlikely that the Wildcats can match last season's 9-3 record (5-3 and tied for fourth in the Pac-10).

Quarterback is a major concern for Tomey, who'll run an I-formation offense and a 3-4 defense, since backup Andy Crouch departed along with Jenkins. Tomey will look at big (6-6) but little-used sophomore Craig Berman, redshirt freshman Rob Tomlinson, and walk-on Rob Kanyur. Adams was a tremendous little big man at tailback (1,175 yards rushing) for the 'Cats, but sophomore Art Greathouse (404 yards rushing) could fill in nicely there, backed by Chuck Knox, son of the Seahawks' coach, and quick redshirt Darryl Lewis. Seniors Charles Webb and Joe Prior are bidding to start at fullback, where Chris McLemore was a valuable leader. Junior Derek Hill, who's also a brilliant return man, and senior Jeff Fairholm combined for 56 catches at flanker, and both should start this season as wide receivers. Kip Lewis, Branch McNeal, and Gerry Simmons lend quality depth.

There are two competent tight ends in senior Vince Lotti (6-2, 225) and sophomore Jim Hanawalt (6-5, 217) and three interior line veterans in all-Pac-10 and second-team All-America center Joe Tofflemire (6-3, 255), a junior who has been compared to a young Mike Webster, and senior tackles Tom Lynch (6-5, 254) and Jeff Rinehart (6-2, 300). Lynch may move to guard. The other spots could go to junior guard Doug Penner (6-2, 253) and junior tackle Rob Woods (6-6, 256), a converted defender.

Holes were left defensively by the departure of linemen Jim Birmingham and Stan Mataele, linebackers Danny Lockett, Brent Wood, and Evans, and cornerback Martin Rudolph. But senior tackle George Hinkle (6-6, 276) and junior nose guard Dana Wells (6-1, 259) are back from a unit that ranked fourth nationally against the rush. They're joined by three outside linebackers, Boomer Gibson (6-4, 227) and the Singleton twins, Chris (6-3, 235) and Kevin (6-2, 225), both sophomores. Seniors Jerry Beasley (6-2, 225) and Blake Custer (6-2, 220) have the major assignment of stepping in for Evans and Wood.

The 'Cats ranked last in the conference in pass defense, but it wasn't the fault of strong safety Chuck Cecil (6-0, 185), a huge-hitting senior and third-team All-America who intercepted six passes. The rest of the cast looks improved, with safety Eugene Hardy (5-11, 185) and corners James DeBow (5-9, 195) and Durrell Jones (5-10, 181).

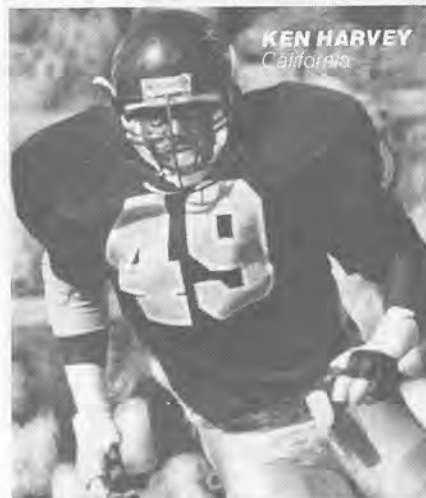
Freshman Gary Coston was the most accurate place-kicker in America, but walk-on Brett Holley may have trouble trying to replace punter Ruben Rodriguez.

CALIFORNIA

There's a new coach (former L.A. Rams' assistant Bruce Snyder), new white shoes, and a new "high velocity" offense in Berkeley, but it may be a while before the Golden Bears can shake the old loser's image cemented by a 2-9 season under Joe Kapp. The Bears scored only 145 points, their lowest total in 20 years, and gave up 325, and Snyder is concerned about his lack of overall team speed and the need to play inexperienced people at several

of the skill positions. But the man who coached Eric Dickerson seems to have installed a positive attitude along with all the other new things and this could be a team on the rise despite its problems.

With Marc Hicks having moved on to Ohio State, the offensive spotlight will fall on sophomore quarterback Troy Taylor (891 yards passing), who showed promise in abbreviated service, and on tailback Chris Richards (5-11, 185), fullback Todd Powers (6-2, 230), and junior wide receiver James Devers (29 catches for 431 yards during the final five games of 1986). Flanker Vince Delgado may have to be redshirted because of a knee injury suffered in spring practice, so sophomores Mike Ford (6-2, 205) and Mike Smith (6-1, 180) could be tested quickly. Tyrone Moore (5-11, 185) should help at tailback, and Snyder will use a three-receiver alignment much of the



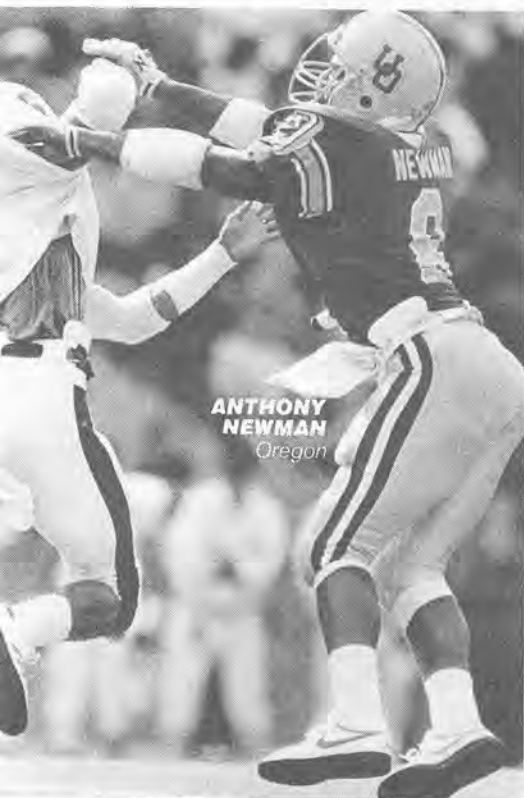
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**DEREK
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time so he can get converted quarterback Brian Bedford, likely the team's best, all-round athlete, into the game at slotback.

Junior Darryl Ingram (6-4, 225) and freshman Ernie Rogers (6-5, 260) may share tight-end duties. Starters Dave Zawatson (6-5, 270), who'll contend for all-Pac-10 honors, Steve Andersen (6-6, 260), and Kam King (6-3, 255) are back in the line. They'll likely be joined by senior Brad Jackman (6-3, 250) at center and junior Stu McEliderry (6-4, 270) or sophomore Steve Hingsy (6-5, 250) at tackle, with Blaise Smith (6-3, 260) looking to come back from a serious knee injury at guard.

The defense has the potential to develop into a topnotch unit. The leaders will be nose guard Majett Whiteside (6-2, 260), second-team all-Pac-10 each of the last two seasons, and linebacker Ken Harvey (6-3, 225), who had a good spring. He bench-presses 425 pounds, has a 36-inch vertical leap, and runs a 4.65 for the 40. Starting with them should be tackles Natu Tuatagaloa (6-4, 255) and Joe Nelms (6-5, 255), outside linebacker Joel

Dickson (6-3, 240) and inside linebackers David Ortega (6-2, 225) and Steve Hendrickson (6-1, 245) or transfer Tim Hardin (6-0, 230), a first-team JC All-America. The secondary, poor last year, still is a question mark, with three-year starter Darryl Stallworth (6-0, 190) and sophomores Derek Taylor (5-11, 195), Darrin Greer (5-9, 190), and Travis Oliver (6-1, 170) ahead at the moment.

The kicking game for the Bears, who play just seven Pac-10 foes this season instead of the usual nine, should be a strength with punter Scott Tabor (42.2 yards a boot, honorable mention all-Pac-10) and Steve Loop, the top-rated JC place-kicker in the nation.

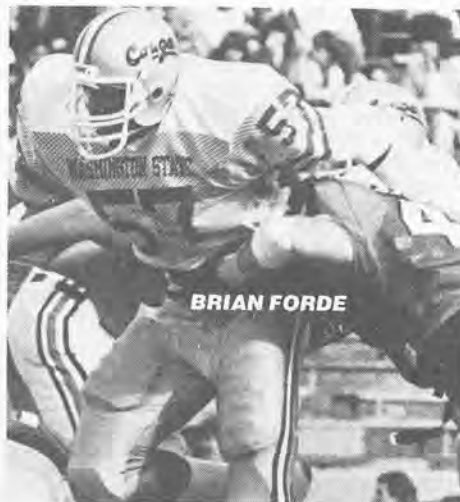
OREGON

A 5-6 record (3-5 and seventh place in the Pac-10) and the loss of two-time all-conference quarterback Chris Miller have sent veteran coach Rich Brooks back to the drawing board. He'll try to bring his offense, heavily pass-oriented with the gifted Miller, into better balance, and has chucked his 4-3 defense in favor of a 5-2. Whatever the new alignments, things don't look very promising.

Almost 70 percent of the Ducks' attack in 1986 came on Miller's passing arm. Brooks will expect less from sophomore backup Pete Nelson (6-1, 183) but much more from runners Derek Loville, Latin Berry, and Randy Willhite. Sophomore tailback Loville led the team with 544 net yards rushing. There's an experienced corps of receivers in seniors Rod Green (29 catches for 512 yards), J.J. Birden, and Jan Cespedes, but Bobby DeBisschop will be missed at tight end. Seniors Tim Parker (6-5, 235) and Eric Elliott (6-2, 228) are vying for his spot.

There are productive veterans at tackle and guard in senior Jeff Stefanick (6-5, 289) and sophomore Chris Husko (6-3, 245), and junior Gary Gilbert (6-5, 253) started the last two games at center. Other potential line starters are tackles Gary Robertson (6-5, 266) and Rick Walk (6-4, 270) and guards Eric Hunter (6-7, 243) and Erik Arnson (6-5, 239).

Brooks's first priority on defense is stopping the run, something the Ducks haven't done well the last couple of years. His new front likely will include senior Rollin Putzier (6-4, 279), who had 91 tackles, at the nose spot, with juniors Matt Brock (6-5, 250) and Devin Fitzpatrick (6-4, 242) flanking him. Soph Jon Eichinger (6-5, 221) and junior Joe Taylor (6-4, 230) are in the picture, too. The linebacking corps includes juniors Scott Kozak (6-3, 218) and Mike Blakey (6-2, 214) outside, senior Tom Talbot (6-3, 220) and sophomore Mark



BRIAN FORDE

Kearns (6-2, 216), pushed by soph Leroy Ale (6-3, 220), inside.

Work is needed in the secondary, where all-star cornerback Clifford Hicks, corner Don Brown, and free safety Ed Hulbert are gone. Brooks will build around senior strong safety Anthony Newman (6-0, 206), who has seven career interceptions. Senior LaRoy Montgomery (5-10, 177) and sophomore Brett Young (5-10, 181) should move in at the corners, with JC transfers Thom Kaumeyer (6-1, 187) and Daryl Reed (6-1, 192) competing for the other safety spot.

The kicking game will have to be restructured with the departure of punter Mike Preacher and place-kicker Matt MacLeod. Leading candidates are juniors Dean Otto, who's had back problems, and Kirk Dennis, who's never attempted a field goal as a collegian.

The Ducks hammered the Pac-10's lesser lights last season but couldn't come close to the better teams. That could well be the story again. Unless Loville and Berry blossom and Nelson can hold his own, in fact, they may not do as well. Along with everything else, Brooks and his squad will be battling inexperience.

WASHINGTON STATE

Dennis Erickson has never had a losing season in five as a head coach, but he'd better get ready for one. It's going to be considerably harder to win here than it was at Idaho and Wyoming. Things will rise or fall with the forward pass, as they always do for Erickson. Jim Walden, who moved on to Iowa State, didn't leave much behind from a team that



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finished only 3-7-1 (2-6-1 in the Pac-10) and dropped its last five games.

Quarterback Ed Blount, running back Kerry Porter, and wide receivers Rick Chase, Michel James, Kittrick Taylor, Mark Bircher, and Cotton Sears all graduated. That puts sophomore Timm Rosenbach (452 yards passing) at quarterback, sophomores Steve Broussard (283 yards rushing) and Michael Pringle (5-10, 184) and junior Ed Tingstad (6-2, 206) at running back, and soph Victor Wood (14 catches for 249 yards) and Tim Stallworth (6 for 176) at receiver.

Things seem a little more settled in the Cougar offensive line, where four starters are back: juniors Ken Kuiper (6-5, 262) and Chris Dyko (6-8, 265) at tackle, all-star candidate Mike Utley (6-7, 286), also a junior, at one guard, and senior Chris Leighton (6-4, 224),

Then things get sticky. The top three men at weak-side linebacker all are gone, and so are the two players who were behind Metcalf on the strong side. Junior Tuneau Alipate (6-2, 230) had an impressive spring. High pro draft-ee Ricky Reynolds has departed the secondary, along with Erwin Chappel, Ron Collins, and Kevin Thomasson. Senior James Hasty (6-0, 190) and junior Shawn Landrum (5-9, 182) probably will man the corners, with juniors Ron Lee (5-11, 184) and Artie Holmes (6-0, 192) at the safeties.

Rob Myers (39.8-yard average) and Kevin Adams (24 of 24 PATs, 6 of 9 field-goal attempts) have a year's experience now as punter and place-kicker.

The Cougars play only seven conference games this season, which do not include Oregon State, so a shootout with the similarly air-minded Pac-10 also-ran Beavers will have to wait. With a team this young, it seems that success for new coach Erickson will, too.

OREGON STATE

Dave Kragthorpe has one piece of his offensive puzzle in place: junior quarterback Eric Wilhelm, who has already broken 23 school and Pac-10 records and comes off a season in which he completed 283 of 470 passes for 2,871 yards. But the coach may have to look hard to find the remaining pieces after another lackluster season (3-8 overall, 1-6 in the conference). Beaver runners gained only a combined 482 yards in 1986, top receiver Dave Montagne (78 catches for 862 yards) is gone, and there are holes to fill in the line.

The running game should be a little better, if only because sophomore fullbacks Pat Chaffey (232 yards rushing) and Dowell Williams (45 receptions) have a year's experience, senior tailback Erick Montgomery won't have to share time with Carl Lane, and junior Trey Nicholson is back after an injury. The receiving seems less sure, with senior Roland Hawkins (5-10, 176) and junior Robb Thomas (5-11, 172), the squad's kick-return specialists, heading the cast along with senior tight end Damon Medlock (37 catches for 313 yards).

Three seniors, guards Jeff Talamantes (6-2, 262) and Paul Hopkins (6-4, 255) and center Dave Orndorff (6-1, 260), return in the offensive line, but the tackles will be new. Seniors Owen Hooen (6-9, 309) and Geoff Johnson (6-7, 281) and junior Ken Kiff (6-7, 268) are the front runners, but transfer Mark Fernandez (6-5, 250) and freshman Rick Mink (6-3, 250) could figure.

Kragthorpe's defense played well for the most part, but broke down badly in three losses. The line is key here, too. Senior Rich Haggerty (6-2, 265) is a two-year starter and honorable mention all-Pac-10 performer, and senior Phil Alfieri (6-3, 247) returns at one end. Transfer Tom Vetrus (6-3, 250) may be at the other end, with senior Paul Kruger (6-3, 262) at tackle.

Second-team all-Pac-10 Jeff Schneider (6-0, 229), the Beavers' best defender, will be at middle linebacker, but there are questions on both sides of him. Senior Terry Page (6-2, 213) and junior Ray Giacomelli (6-4, 212) got first call in the spring.

The secondary seems much more stable. In fact, it could be the team's strength with senior Lavance Northington, granted an extra year after season-ending injuries, joining junior Teddy Johnson (5-10, 180, Pac-10-leading nine interceptions) at cornerback and return-

ees Don Odegard (6-0, 187) and Bronco Mendenhall (6-2, 192) at safeties.

The kicking game, which could use some help, will feature newcomers: transfer punter Tony Scarlata and sophomore place-kicker Troy Bussanich.

Overall, Kragthorpe thinks his team will be improved, but it will have to find a way to score a lot more while Wilhelm is running up statistics — "We didn't have the big plays"—and develop the defensive consistency that sometimes was lacking last season. That may be difficult because Kragthorpe concedes recruiting, which brought in nine JC players, was "good, not necessarily great."

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SAN JOSE STATE

He's not a glamour guy in any way, but quarterback Mike Perez got people's attention in 1986, leading the nation in total offense. Despite missing the last two games of the regular season after a shoulder separation, Perez threw for 3,225 yards and 17 touchdowns and guided his team to a 10-2 season and an easy victory over Miami of Ohio in the California Bowl. The fact he's back for his senior season makes the Spartans a top-heavy favorite to repeat as PCAA champion. But coach Claude Gilbert is urging some caution, because of large losses in both lines.

The skill positions appear loaded. Perez again will be working with running backs Kenny Jackson, just the fifth player in NCAA history to run for more than 1,000 yards and catch more than 50 passes in one season (1,117 yards rushing, 51 receptions for 352 yards), and James Saxton (329 yards rushing, 5.7 yards a carry) and senior slot receiver Guy Liggins, who started only three games but was sixth in the country in receiving with 80 catches for 1,116 yards. Seniors Kenny Roberts (25.5 yards a catch) and Willie McCloud should be fine at wide receiver.

There's a veteran tight end, senior Bill Klump (6-3, 231), and a senior tackle who played every down, Mike Barnard (6-5, 265). Other keys in a restructured line should be 1985 starting center Dan Teague (6-2, 253), back after an injury, junior tackle Scott Small (6-3, 226), senior guard Doug McCreath (6-3, 232), and JC hopeful John Collins (6-4, 240).

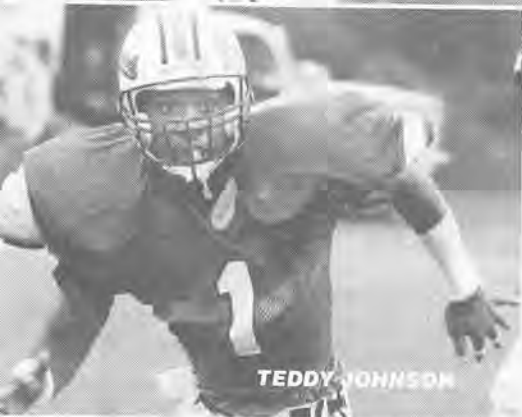
The kicking game is potent, with all-PCAA second-teamers Sergio Olivarez and Tom Diehl. Olivarez set a school record with 93 points and tied another with 16 field goals. Consistent punter Diehl averaged 40.7 yards.

The defense was second in the nation against the run, but Gilbert is looking for linemen to replace players like Wayne Woodard and Mark Dean. Those with a head start are seniors Larry Sandson (6-0, 236), Mike Hutcherson (6-1, 248), and Art Gerrans (6-3, 236) and junior redshirts John Pukini (6-3, 232) and Richard Johnson (6-4, 240). The linebacking looks good with senior starters Barry Kidney and Yepi Pauu and junior David Knox back inside, and seniors Lloyd Forrest and Chris Alexander outside, with support from Tim Wells. Senior Greg Cox and sophomore Ryan Rasnick are excellent safeties. Senior Phil Frasch and junior transfer Eddie Blackshear and Jay Taylor are bidding to take over for K.C. Clark, a first-team all-West Coast pick, and John King at the corners.

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TEDDY JOHNSON



backed by junior Mel Orchard (6-4, 225) at tight end. Other line spots may go to sophomore guard Paul Wulff (6-4, 250) and junior center Dave Fakkema (6-2, 275).

There are six starters returning on defense, but several glaring holes, too. The line looks in decent shape with seniors Marvin Adams (6-5, 255) and Chris Hiller (6-5, 249) at the ends, sophomore Tim Downing (6-6, 248) at one tackle, and perhaps soph Mark Ledbetter (6-3, 243) for departed Rob Cleveland at the other. Senior Brian Forde (6-2, 224), the Cougars' best player—and a strong candidate for post-season honors—is back at middle linebacker, with junior Maury Metcalf (6-2, 222) on one side of him.



MIKE PEREZ
San Jose State



GUY LIGGINS

FRESNO STATE

The senior Sweeney is still around but the Bulldogs—for the first time in five years—will have to experience life without the junior Sweeney. How well coach Jim Sweeney will do without quarterback Kevin Sweeney remains to be seen. Second place in the PCAA again seems a distinct possibility.

Kevin passed Doug Flutie to become the NCAA's career yardage record holder in 1986, as his dad's team finished 9-2 overall, 6-1 in the conference, a game behind perfect San Jose State. There are enough tools left for a repeat, in finish if not in record. Make no mistake, plenty of talent is gone: receiver Stephen Baker, running backs James Williams and Anthony Mosley, lineman Mike Chuhlantseff, linebackers Cliff Hanneman and David Grayson, and safety Michael Stewart.

Either sophomore Eric Buechele (6-2, 195) or junior transfer Dan English (6-2, 200) should run the team, with junior Kelly Skipper (518 yards rushing) and perhaps senior Dean Collins at running backs, seniors Brock Smith (21.3-yard average per catch) and Ron Jenkins at wide receiver, and maybe transfer Craig Jones (6-4, 235) in place of Paul Pflug at tight end. The line should be fine with all-PCAA Mike Withycombe (6-6, 285) and Jeff Truschel (6-4, 260) at tackle; veterans Paul Portesi (6-3, 265) and Brian Folland (6-2, 250) at one guard and center. The other guard could be soph Paul Vial (6-2, 266).

Sweeney concedes there are many questions to be answered on defense, where JC transfers like linemen Chuck McCutcheon (6-1, 255) and linebacker Tracy Rogers could have an immediate impact. But there are four senior starters back: brilliant end Jethro Franklin (6-2, 255, first-team all-PCAA), linebackers Anthony Nunn, the leading tackler, and John O'Leary, and free safety Rod Webster. Others who will play a lot are linemen Dave Ferguson (6-4, 255) and John Turner (6-1, 250), linebackers Jay Wilkerson, special teams' star James Rivera, and backs Fred Wilburn, Darryl James, and Claude Brown.

Senior Barry Belli (54 of 74 field goals, 254 career points, and a 38-yard punting average) is a prime All-America candidate.

NEVADA LAS VEGAS

Second-year coach Wayne Nunnely is shaking things up a little, installing a quick-drop, short-route passing game in hopes of improving on a 6-5 season (3-4 and fourth place in the PCAA). His main hope is to get the ball more into the hands of All-America candidate George Thomas (5-11, 164), an extremely quick senior who averaged 23.8 yards on 34 catches good for 808 yards, fellow wide receiver George Williams (21.3-yard average), and tight ends Cedric Davis (6-5, 215) and Chris Bridges (6-2½, 215).

Nunnely needs to do that because he may have an "iffy" running game without Rod Emery and Kirk Jones, who rushed for 1,039 of the Rebels' 1,424 net ground yards. Juniors John Nunley and Mike Reddick, a transfer, should get first call at running back, with junior Eugene Bowen, who backed Steve Stallworth, or transfer Richard Williams at quarterback. Four veterans are back in the offensive line: senior tackle Rick Gerard (6-5, 260), senior guard Tom Sweeney (6-2, 265), junior guard Bill Operin (6-3, 255), and senior center Mike Contreras (6-3½, 260).

Some of the defense will have the same look as in 1986. Linebackers return in abundance: seniors Adrian Harris, George Varon, and Malcolm White outside; seniors Darnell Pickens, Todd Cooks, and Eric Myers and junior Jack Moore outside. But there are questions in the line and the secondary. Three sophs, Shawn Campbell (6-4, 260), Eric Collins (6-3, 240), and Doc Wise (6-4, 275), will compete with junior Marguet Miller (6-8, 255) for line spots. Senior Charles Dimry is an All-America candidate at cornerback. Transfers Gerald Robinson and Ken Tucker are possibilities for two other spots.

Junior Jim Cook is a strong kicker but punter Bob Hulberg is gone. Freshman Tony Rhynes may step in for him.

CAL STATE LONG BEACH

Quarterback Jeff Graham threw 426 passes last season as a sophomore, completing 245 for 2,921 yards and 20 touchdowns. But new coach Larry Reisbig figures Graham will be unlimbering his arm less this year, because the offense will be more diversified and because four fine receivers have moved on.

Gone are fullback Mark Templeton, the NCAA's all-time pass-reception leader (262), wideouts Charles Lockett and Kwante Hampton, and two-time all-PCAA tight end Greg Locy. Reisbig would like to run the ball more, with tailbacks Michael Roberts (340 yards rushing) and Brian Browning and fullbacks Ricco Wilson and John Mattson, but that may

be difficult because the offensive line was decimated by graduation. Senior center Mike Hollingshaus (6-2, 250) returns, but the picture is unclear on both sides of him. Starting candidates include frosh redshirt Dan Tunnicliff (6-4, 255), juniors Derrick Jinks (6-0, 255), Chuck Reep (6-3, 235), and Brian Smith (6-3, 250), senior Bobbington Brandt (6-7, 290), and soph Dave McKinnon (6-5, 280).

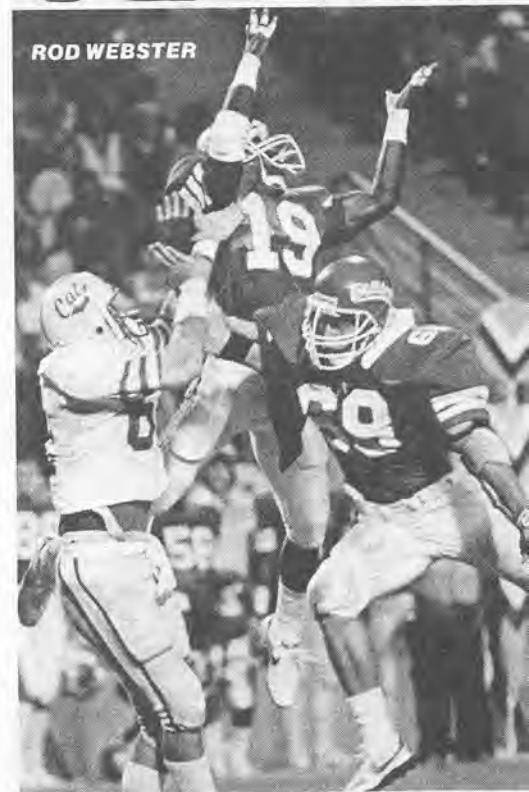
The receivers may be sophomore Derek Washington and senior Tyrone McCullough, son of former USC star Earl McCullough, who caught just 14 passes between them, but they could be pushed by Nathan Vinson and Eric King. Soph Brian Wiss (6-3, 230) and transfer Jeff Beilman (6-3, 210) vie at tight end.

Five defensive starters are back from a team that was 6-5 overall, 4-3 in the PCAA. Seniors Al Aikins (6-2, 230) and Mike McCauley (6-4, 248) are serviceable ends, with help from fine pass rusher Guy Mohr (6-3, 230). Junior Phil Morrison is back at outside linebacker and junior Stacey Alexander and senior Lane McCarthy return in the secondary.

Willie Lujon, who averaged 41 yards a punt, returns along with inconsistent place-kicker Eric Weetman.



BARRY BELL
Fresno State



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Always candid Chuck Shelton expects plenty of improvement in his offense but wonders if it will be enough for significant improvement on a 3-8 season (3-4 and tied for fourth in the PCAA), "because we were so poor last year." And there are distressing defensive losses, such as linebackers Al Smith, Wade Harman, and Maureatha Hall and linemen Jim Pauciello and Mark Mraz.

Shelton, who is looking for more physical play, can call on veteran receivers Kendal Smith (25 catches for 474 yards) and Pat Newman, starting tight end Petey Maiden (6-3, 221), and sophomore running back Demeetrius Brown, who played extensively in a running attack that averaged just 70 yards a game. Three-fifths of the first-string offensive line return: senior tackles Brett Schnitzius (6-6, 283) and Todd Storme (6-6, 265) and junior guard Jerry Brown (6-5, 265). Also back are all-PCAA punter Herick Mandel (42.9) and place-kicker Dene Garner, whose production dropped off. Shelton is looking at four JC quarterbacks — Russ Widerburg, Brent Snyder, Kevin Bray, and Eric Chaudron — to find a successor for the departed Tom Ponich,



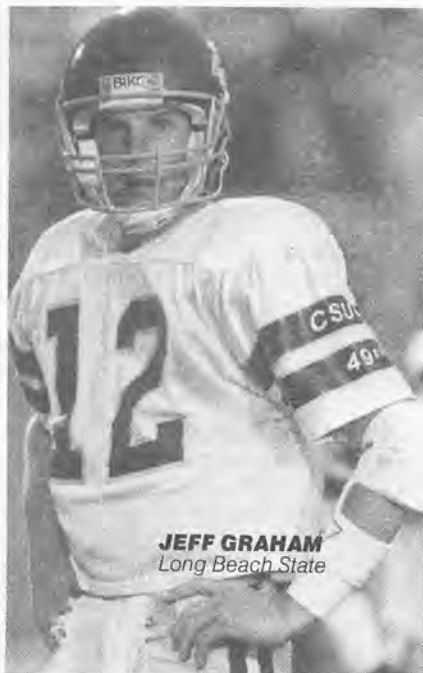
TYRONE McCULLOUGH

and three redshirt running backs: Kevin Yates, Tim Ray, and Brett Payne.

The Aggies will need defensive muscle, too, for a schedule that finds them on the road five of the first six weeks, including dates at Nebraska and Kentucky. The chief defenders are 6-6, 310-pound senior tackle Gary Hulsey, who's a definite pro prospect, and senior free safety Darrin Long. Other starters returning: junior nose guard Brian Hunsaker (6-6, 250), senior backs Pondre Davis and Chad Troclair, and junior corner Tony Brown. The major defensive problems are at linebacker, where the burden will fall on letterman Jim Otto, red-shirt Scott Sbranti, and transfers Andy Brown, Steve Davis, Donald Miller, and Jonny Smith.

CAL STATE FULLERTON

The Titans will be well-traveled this season, even if they don't travel well. Gene Murphy's team, a struggling 3-9 in 1986 with a running game that had to try to control the ball for a young and inexperienced passing attack and



JEFF GRAHAM
Long Beach State

defense, will play in five time zones, including stops at Florida, LSU, and Hawaii. Murphy is hoping several JC transfers help.

The passing game looks much better with senior quarterback Ronnie Barber (1,613 yards through the air) and receivers Todd White (41 catches for 636 yards), John Gibbs (28 for 542), and Jim Thornton, a tight end with all-star potential. But top runners Rick Calhoun, the Titans' all-time leading rusher, and Mark Hood are gone. Murphy will have to go with the little-used Tracey Pierce and Eric Franklin at halfback and Tim Byrnes at fullback, unless transfers William Robinson and Michael Moore are ready to step in. There's tinkering on the offensive line, too, where tackles Ed Gillies (6-5, 260), an all-PCAA second-team choice, and Matt Fitts (6-4, 265) may move to guard if James Good (6-7, 290) and Mike Oliver (6-6, 250) are ready to move in at tackle. Honors candidate Phil Benson (6-1, 260) is set at center.

Defensively, the focus is on the line, which didn't play up to expectations last season. The only experienced men are Freshman of the Year Harold Jones (6-2, 240), who'll move from nose guard to end, tackles Kelly Gogerty (6-4, 260) and Dan Unger (6-5, 270), and tackle-turned-nose-guard Jeff Taylor (6-3, 245). There's shuffling at linebacker, where transfer A.J. Jenkins (6-3, 225) might duel the veterans. Ahead in the secondary are cornerbacks James Howard and Tyrone Pope and safeties Tom Phillips and Mike Schaffel.

Returnee Jim Sirois and Kurt Bloedorn will compete for punting duties; transfer Stan Lambert is the likely new place-kicker.

PACIFIC

The Tigers were seventh nationally in rushing last season and upset Minnesota. But they still finished only 4-7 (2-5 and tied for sixth in the PCAA) and lose 31 seniors, 22 of them starters at one point or another. This will be coach Bob Cope's youngest team ever, probably too young for much improvement.

Complicating matters is the fact that quarterback Hue Jackson, who ran Cope's wishbone so superbly, and the team's three top

running backs don't return. Sophomore Rodney Powell or redshirt freshman Ron Beverly will take over for Jackson, with senior reserves Anthony Simien, Keith Parker, and Chris Mendenhall (573 yards among them) as the new starting runners. The Tigers don't throw much but have excellent receivers in senior wideout Kennedy Bryant (7 catches for 150 yards in one game) and Booker Guyton and tight ends Alan Green (6-3, 256) and Eric Miller (6-3, 235). The line, which will be built around guard Dennis McGowan, is inexperienced.

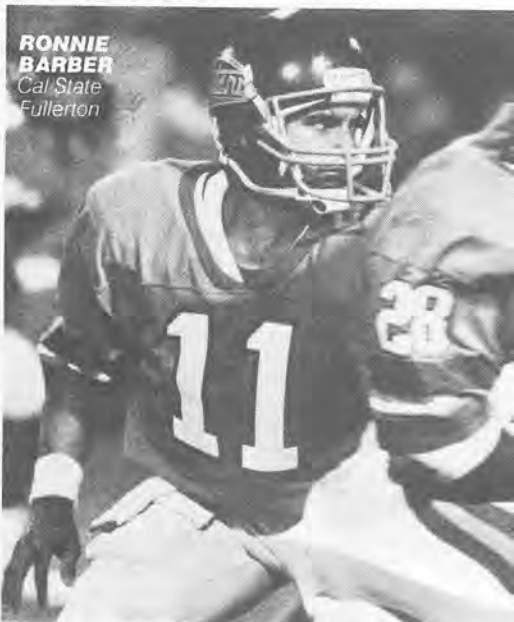
Cope is concerned about his defensive line, which is quick but not big. Seniors Marvin Williams (6-3, 223) and Ken Calendar (6-2, 250) will work with sophomores Richard Harris (6-0, 250) and Kendrick Brown (6-2, 200). Outside linebacking is very solid with senior David Thistle, junior Mike McMaster, and sophomore Andrew Thomas. The top returning defensive player, Mark Roberts, will shift inside to help fill in for the departed Jeff Plunkett and Ron Talbot. There's a battle for the spot alongside him, with sophomore Chad Kurashige ahead early. There's talent in the secondary with seniors Mike Fischer, Cedell Bush, and Rawland Crawford and sophomores Deron Spencer and Greg Koperek.

The kicking spots look wide-open, with red-shirt freshman place-kicker Jon Derr and JC punter Bryan Jones the top candidates.

NEW MEXICO STATE

The Aggies have had only one winning season in the last 18, and this doesn't figure to be No. 2. Coming off a 1-10 record, second-year coach Mike Knoll has done some juggling. He's shifted quarterback Jim Miller to free safety, opening a starting spot for sophomore Phil Vinson, who had just a 40.6% completion percentage in six games. And senior offensive tackle Jon Roberts (6-3, 265) has been moved to the defensive line. But Knoll needs better talent more than he does revised talent. He has signed 34 new players, 12 of them JC transfers, led by offensive linemen Joseph Bowser (6-5, 290), in hopes of improving a team that was outscored, 416-189, and beat only Cal State Fullerton, by three points.

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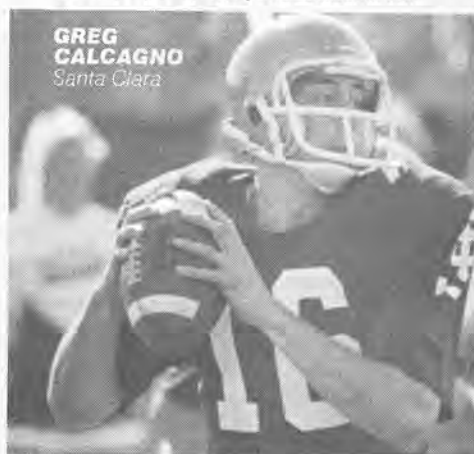
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ing, 21 receptions), transfer Tommy Thomas, and redshirt Rod Carter should team with Vinson in the Aggie backfield, with Bennie Thomas (416 yards in receptions) and JC All-America Tod Decker at wide receivers and converted defender James Noel (6-5, 200) at tight end. Juniors Jim Matthews (6-3, 253), Andy Miller (6-4, 260), and Roger Turner (6-4, 240) are back up front.

Defensively, there is strength at end in a pair of seniors, Mike Williams (6-3, 240) and Joe Campbell (6-3, 230), who combined for 86 tackles, including 11 for losses. But leading tackler Bobby Kinder is gone at one line-backing spot. The top remaining backers are senior John McGough and sophomore Sam Dickey. The secondary should be improved with the maturation of sophomore Mike Hall and the return of starters Todd Parker, a senior, and David Rider (6-3, 185), a soph.

Freshman Ruben Rudio may challenge place-kicker Jim Gill (just 4 of 11 field goals), but soph punter Gary Aldaz seems set.



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SACRAMENTO STATE

The Hornets won their first conference championship in 20 years with a 5-1 league mark (6-4-1 overall) and are looking to repeat in spite of significant losses. Back are tailback Don Hair (678 yards rushing despite a knee injury), wide receiver Mark Young (33 catches for 572 yards and 7 TDs), and linemen Bill Eaton and Ron Ladage on offense; tackle Ken Stinnett (6-5, 280), free safety Jamie Berry, and the fine linebacking corps of Tuata Mauga, Stuart Bailey, Roy Giorgi, and Ricky Patton on defense. A major replacement job is needed in the secondary, where Lorenzo Lynch, Lance Soares, Robert Holland and Rod Owens are gone.

PORTLAND STATE

All-league quarterback Chris Crawford (2,766 yards passing), tight end Barry Naone (62 catches), and running back Kevin Johnson (school-record 902 yards rushing in just nine games) return to a Viking offense that was No. 8 in the nation in passing. Junior center Dave Swanson (6-2, 240) anchors the line. Back on defense for Pokey Allen's team (6-5 overall, 4-2 in WFC) are seven starters, including linemen Tim Nacoste (6-2, 240), Jeff Wallace (6-4, 220), and Mike Kuenzli (5-8, 222); linebackers Kurt Simmons and Kevin Woolfolk, and safeties Joe Rodgers and Mike Peterson.

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

Bob Burt has to find a way to replace tailback Mike Kane (1,565 rushing yards), but he has 17 starters back from a Matador team that was 8-3 overall, 4-2 in the WFC. JC All-America Rob Huffman may be the new quarterback, although redshirts Sherdrick Bonner, Chris Folsom, and Greg Bratten are battling for the job. Transfer Dennis McConaughy (5-10, 230) should help at nose guard. The best of the returnees look to be senior tailback Richard Brown, who'll be called on to pick up much of the slack left by Kane, and defensive tackles Steve Dominic and Dester Stowers, both all-WFC selections in 1986.

SOUTHERN UTAH

The Thunderbirds were 8-3 (3-3 in WFC in their initial season) and Jack Bishop thinks he has good experience returning. Senior quarterback Chad Richard (1,855 yards passing, 725 rushing) is the key man in an offense that includes running backs Kyle Wilson (876 yards rushing) and Tony McGeary and wide receiver Scott Mosher. Defensive leaders are senior linemen Ken Smith (5-11, 225) and Alema Teo (6-2, 280); senior linebacker Todd Olsen, who averaged 10.3 tackles a game, and senior back Pete Wahlheim. Place-kicker Herkey Marxen and punter Jeff McComb return, too.

CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

Ex-Boise State coach Lyle Setenich has taken over for Jim Sanderson after a 5-5 season (3-3 and tied for fourth in the WFC) and he'll pass a



JEROLD LIGGINS
UC-Davis

lot if sophomore Brock Bowman can replace fine quarterback Robert Perez. Wide receiver Lance Martin (41 catches for 715 yards), running back Cornell Williams, and all-conference tackle Eric Tautolo (6-5, 310) are among nine returning offensive starters. The best defenders are all-league back Terrill Brown (6-5, 205), lineman Tom Carey (6-2, 225), linebacker Rick Bosselmann, and punter Kevin Emigh (school-record 43.1-yard average).

SANTA CLARA

The Broncos sagged from 8-2-1 to 4-7 and Terry Malley is looking for improvement from a defensive unit that gave up 334 points. He'll build around three seniors: linebackers Joe Lynam and Rob Urich and corner Pat Williams. The offense looks potent with senior quarterback and All-America candidate, Greg Calcagno (2,292 yards passing), tailbacks Matt Shaw (693 yards rushing and 57 receptions), an NCAA Division II record for a running



KELVIN SMITH
Santa Clara

back) and Bryan Smith (583 yards), wide receiver Mike Monnard (37 catches for 566 yards), and senior linemen Jim Banister (6-4, 240) and Cal Tinchler (6-5, 260).

CAL LUTHERAN

The Kingsmen are coming off a 3-8 season, the worst in Bob Shoup's 25 years as coach at the school, but are looking to a healthy Tom Bonds to bring them back. Bonds, a two-time All-America quarterback who can become the leading passer in NCAA Division II history, suffered a knee injury early last season and the team suffered with him. His supporting cast includes wide receiver Joe Monarrez (34 catches for 557 yards) and running back Tracy Downs (349 yards) on offense; fine linebackers Reuben Solorio, Terry Rowe, and Sean Demmon and backs Oscar Williams and David Moore on defense.

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UC-DAVIS

UC-Davis once again dominated the NCAC in 1986, winning a 16th consecutive title. This will be a transition year for the Aggies, since they need to find replacements for several key slots. That is not to say they can't keep their streak alive. Coach Jim Sochor has a solid, experienced defense and one of the biggest offensive lines in the school's history.

The offense was hit hardest by graduation, losing quarterback Chris Petersen, wideouts Wayne Adkins and Rob Delgado, and fullback Roger Wilkinson. That's the bad news. The good news is that all-conference tailback Jerold Liggins returns. Last season, he rushed for 763 yards, caught 48 passes for 326 yards, and returned 14 kickoffs for 247 yards. Although Liggins will miss his supporting cast in the backfield, he can rely on the conference's best line returning intact: center Brian Jones (6-3, 255), tackles Tom Price (6-6, 255) and Sean Merlin (6-3, 225), and guards Steve Jones (6-3, 235) and Charlie Smith (6-4, 254). Todd Sloat is the heir apparent at quarterback. When not dishing off to Liggins, he will look to Mike Wessell, who can also block. Junior Jack Wildermuth and JC transfer Mike Cellar are highly regarded receivers. Shola Adeyemo, Herbie Lane, and Greg Chapla will see time in the backfield.

Once again the Aggie defense should terrorize the conference, as nose guard and team captain Bob Rathbun (5-9, 200) returns to anchor a line that includes Tim Lajcik, Seamus Meagher, and Cameron Boyer. The

strength of the unit is the linebacking corps with Jim Doughty, John Shorey, Matt Devine, and Tim Prokop. The secondary features Mark Krieger, Milt Wallace, Mike Rogers, and Mark Lewis. Kicker Eddie Loretto and punter Scott Lindquist have experience.

CHICO STATE

(7-3, 4-1) The Wildcats came within a field goal (33-30) of unseating perennial champs UC-Davis. NCAC Coach of the Year Mike Belotti returns six defensive starters: linebackers Dave Newquist and Sidney Whitfield, linemen Bill Riddel and Paul Bancroft, cornerback Nate Harris, and strong safety Matt Dillon. Against Hayward State a year ago, Dillon had nine tackles, recovered four fumbles, and returned an interception a school-record 75 yards for a TD.

The Wildcats were third in the nation in passing, seventh in scoring, and eighth in total offense. They must replace quarterback Graig Wallis, though. Tight end Chris Verhulst, Chico's career leader in receptions and yardage (95 for 1,485), leads a cast of five returning regulars on that unit. He is complemented by wideouts Willie Duncan and Frank Lawson (No. 2 in the country in kickoff returns) and halfback John Oglesby. The line features Rob Robinson and John Caviglia. Chris Carter and Bryan Denman share the place-kicking; transfer Gerry Hall will handle the punting.

CAL STATE HAYWARD

Hayward enjoyed a good '86 campaign, posting a 7-3 record, but losses to Chico State and

perennial champ UC-Davis relegated the Pioneers to a third-place conference finish. They may be hard pressed to repeat their success, since only eight starters return.

The offense will revolve around all-conference back Fred Simmons, the NCAC's second-leading rusher (551 yards). His key blockers are led by All-America tackle Fred Williams (6-3, 265), Hugh Phillips (6-4, 250), and Charles Mueller (6-3, 265).

The defense could be a trouble spot as '87 looks to be a rebuilding year. Standout tackle Bruce Tabaracci (6-1, 275), who had eight sacks, and safety Michael Turner, who snagged three interceptions, are the star performers on an otherwise untested unit. Senior David Kriwinski returns as place-kicker.

HUMBOLDT STATE

The Lumberjacks fell short of mounting any assaults in the NCAC as they recorded an 0-5 conference mark and were able to manage only one victory, 27-7 over UC-Santa Barbara. The combination of an easier schedule and 32 lettermen back should improve second-year coach Mike Dolby's chance of advancing in the division.

The defense, dubbed the "Green Gang," returns eight starters, including leading tackler Donnell Sand. Joining him at linebacker are veterans Richard Ashe and Bret Johnson. Eric Lindquist and Eric Hicks add depth. Ray McCormick and Don Wolf return in the line and John Proctor, who was injured last year, has the potential to be a good one. All-conference corner Corry Ross picked opposing

quarterbacks' pockets seven times last season and is the leader of a secondary that also features Dave McFarland and Bret Osborne.

Soph Rodney Dorsett was impressive enough the last three games to earn the starting quarterback slot. Dorsett is doubly dangerous on the ground (477 yards). He will have an inexperienced group of receivers to work with, but senior Robert Mead saw some action last year. The tailback is Eric Allen. The line needs to be improved and Dolby has imported a group of JC transfers.

Kevin Jordan booted 13 of 18 field goals. Punting duties are up for grabs between Earl Jackson and Tom Owens.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE

It will be a rebuilding year in 1987 for the Gators, who have some solid athletes returning but lack depth in all positions. Vic Rowen enters his 34th season as the head coach, and his main concern is finding a big-play defensive back along with a big defensive lineman. Rowen is counting on linebackers Chris Saxton and Golden Venters, and improvement is expected from Darryl Brandon.

Jim Rudy (101 of 197 for 1,210 yards) will call the signals. He has a pair of swift receivers in Ron Teital and Eddie Turner. Scatback Kelvin Smith, who saw limited action in '86, will start in the backfield. JC transfers Fred Sims and Gary Simon battle for the other slot. Mike Thorne anchors the line.

The Gators, who were 2-9 in '86, play the same schedule in 1987. Rowen hopes that the record is lovelier the second time around.

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Remember that old kids' game "Button, button, who's got the button?" Well, change that to "Quarterback, quarterback, who's got the quarterback?" and you'll have articulated the burning question in the Big Ten for 1987. It is a question without answer, for none of the top contenders for the championship has a proven quarterback. The only starters returning play for teams that figure to end up in the second division. That would make picking a winner extremely difficult, except that you can never go far wrong in the Big Ten by pointing toward the season-ending Michigan-Ohio State showdown, which this year takes place in Ann Arbor.

Despite having to play the big game on the road, look for the Buckeyes, who shared the title with Michigan last year, to beat the Wolverines and go back to the Rose Bowl. One reason is that Ohio State may have assembled the best set of linebackers ever in college football. Two of the starters are All-America candidates, a third is an all-conference hopeful, and the fourth was the starting middle guard last year. With three-fourths of the defensive backfield also returning, the Buckeyes appear to be the best defensive team in the conference.

Also, unlike Michigan's Bo Schembechler, Earle Bruce at least knew who his starting quarterback would be. Tom Tupa, who first made his mark in Columbus as a punter, was a better than 60 percent passer the few times he came in to relieve Jim Karsatos last year. The thing that worries Bruce, however, is that he doesn't have an adequate backup if Tupa should get hurt.

Schembechler doesn't have that problem. He has adequate depth at quarterback, but none of the three candidates seems likely to come even close to matching the effectiveness of the departed Jim Harbaugh. Whoever does the passing for Michigan should have plenty of time because Michigan's offensive line may be the best in the state—college or pro. With little Jamie Morris running behind that massive line, look for Michigan to try to "run" it up on opponents this season.

If anyone has a chance to prevent another Big Ten runaway it's probably Iowa, which has a better stable of runners than Calumet Farm. Hayden Fry was hedging just a bit on his quarterback but it seems likely he'll go with Dan McGwire, a 6-8 sophomore stud with an arm like a rocket launcher. Iowa's problems are on defense, and they could be severe ones. Except that Fry always seem to field a decent defensive unit.

The only other team with even a remote chance to challenge appears to be Michigan State, although Indiana is a bit chesty after shocking everyone by earning a bowl bid last year, and Illinois is lying in the weeds with a defense that could be downright nasty. The

predictions

big ten conference

1. Ohio State, 2. Michigan, 3. Iowa, 4. Michigan State, 5. Indiana, 6. Illinois, 7. Minnesota, 8. Northwestern, 9. Purdue, 10. Wisconsin

independents

1. Notre Dame, 2. Cincinnati, 3. Northern Illinois, 4. Akron, 5. Dayton

ohio valley conference

1. Eastern Kentucky, 2. Middle Tennessee, 3. Murray State, 4. Morehead State, 5. Youngstown State, 6. Austin Peay, 7. Tennessee Tech

mid-american conference

1. Bowling Green, 2. Kent State, 3. Miami, 4. Ball State, 5. Toledo, 6. Central Michigan, 7. Eastern Michigan, 8. Western Michigan, 9. Ohio University

CRIS CARTER
Ohio State

Spartans' hope rests in the premise that Lorenzo White can have the Heisman Trophy kind of year he was supposed to have in 1986 before a series of injuries robbed him of any chance. George Perles has finally got some size and depth on both sides of the football, and the new option offense seems tailor-made for White.

Indiana at least seems ready to bid for a first-division berth. Of all the contenders, the Hoosiers are the best fixed at quarterback, so much so that they were able to move Brian Dewitz, the starter for the majority of games last year, to safety. Bill Mallory has worked wonders with the running game in just two years and the defense is getting stronger. But it may not be strong enough yet to put Indiana in the company of the big boys.

Illinois has a defense, and if it can figure out how to score some points, it could be the surprise team of the conference. But it would be a shock if the Illini were to rise any higher than the lower end of the first division.

One team that seems headed for a fall is Minnesota, but an easy schedule will cushion the blow to such an extent that Gopher fans may not even realize what has happened. The problem here is defense, but the Gophers have Rickey Foggie returning at quarterback and the conference's rushing leader, Darrell Thompson, at tailback.

Northwestern has probably the top returning quarterback in the league in Mike Greenfield and a more experienced line than it has enjoyed in years. So the Wildcats could continue the respectable showing they made under new coach Francis Peay last season.

Wisconsin and Purdue both have new coaches. Welcome to the Big Ten, Don Morton and Fred Akers. Next year you might like

Lou Holtz didn't have one of the most dangerous wide receivers in football, he'd probably take the air out of the ball and concentrate on a running game that should be a good one. Defensively, the Irish are willing, but they are thin and inexperienced.

Cincinnati has the area's top quarterback in Danny McCoin and some good receivers to go with him. But the offensive line needs restructuring and the defense is in even worse repair. If the Bearcats were playing Northern Illinois' schedule, they'd do fine. Northern Illinois is playing Northern Illinois' schedule and glad of it. Last year the Huskies took on the world and were humiliated in their first venture as an independent. This year a more realistic schedule and an improving wishbone offense give them a chance to have some fun. One year after stepping down as Notre Dame's coach, Gerry Faust went home again and enjoyed success at Akron. The Zips won seven games in their final season in the Ohio Valley Conference. They'll find it difficult to do that in '87 in their first year as an independent.

The importance of Marvin Collier to Middle

Tennessee State was well-chronicled in 1985, when as a freshman he led the Blue Raiders to an unbeaten regular season. But the dependence Middle has upon Collier became even more evident a year ago. With a separated shoulder putting their ace out of action, coach Boots Donnelly's team promptly lost four of its first five games. When Collier returned in late autumn, the team went on to a 7-4-1 record. Meanwhile, Eastern Kentucky and upstart Murray State tied for the Ohio Valley Conference championship and received bids to the Division I-AA playoffs.

Eastern, Middle, and Murray have been perennial contenders throughout the 1980s, although Murray's co-championship was its first title since 1979. All three should have excellent offensive teams, but Eastern's always-tough defense is more intact than either of the other school's. New OVC member Tennessee State isn't eligible for football until next year.

The race in the Mid-American Conference will again be close. Seven teams finished within two games of first place in 1986, and no team appears strong enough to rise significantly above the others this season. Miami of Ohio, which collected its 13th MAC championship last year, must do without nine starters from a club that was 8-4 overall, 6-2 in the league. Still, the Redskins will be in the picture, as will Toledo, Bowling Green, and Kent State, which tied for second. Bowling Green was only 5-6 overall but didn't fall out of the running until the final weekend. The Falcons have a veteran team which will have trouble replacing four starters in the offensive line. Central Michigan has 16 returning starters but is coming off an uncharacteristic 5-5 season. Toledo, which won its last five games, must replace its quarterback and tailback.

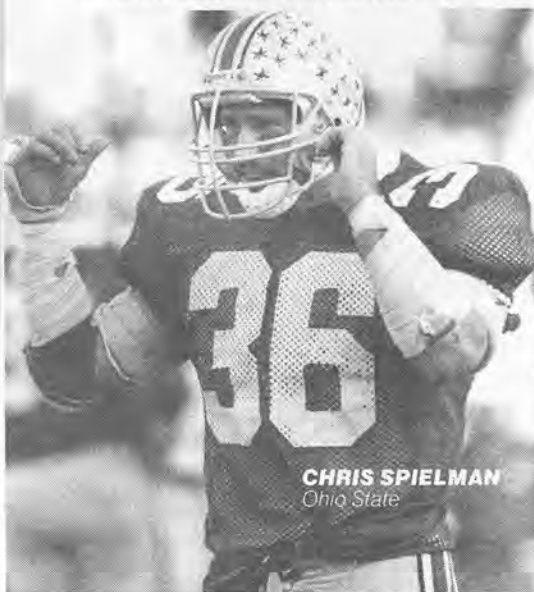
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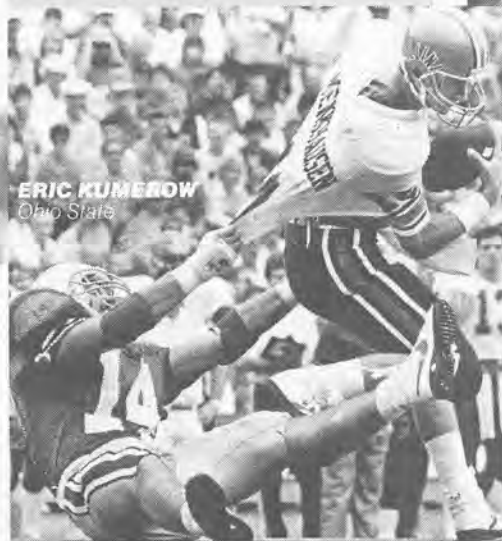
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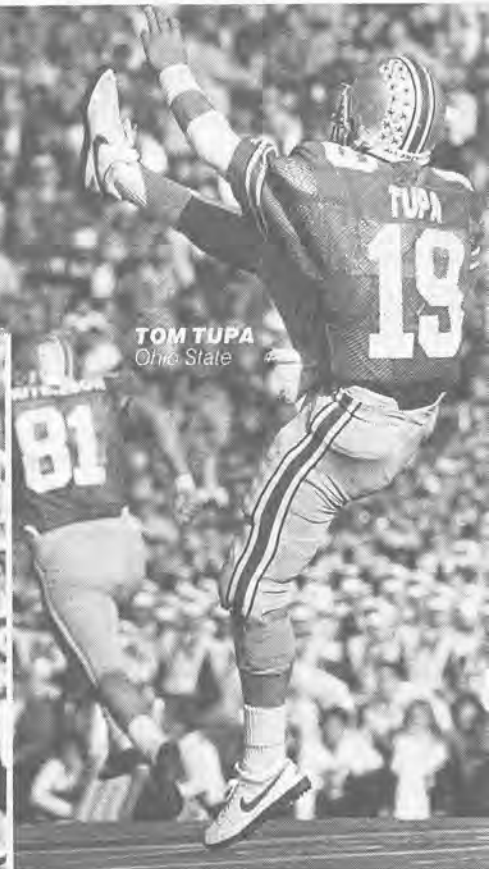
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CHRIS SPIELMAN
Ohio State



ERIC KUMEROW
Ohio State



TOM TUPA
Ohio State

to bring some players with you. Morton, who voluntarily left Tulsa, found the cupboard nearly bare at Wisconsin, except for the offensive line. Akers, who involuntarily left Texas, found a couple of good defensive players and not much else. Maybe the Marines are looking for just a few good men, but Purdue and Wisconsin need a carload of them.

The area's major independents all figure to hover just above or below the .500 mark. Notre Dame is hurting for a quarterback, and if

big ten conference

OHIO STATE

(10-3, 7-1) No matter what he does, Earle Bruce can't seem to please Ohio State's demanding fans. In his first eight years as Woody Hayes's replacement, Bruce has never failed to win at least nine games. Last year he won 10, including a convincing victory over Texas A & M in the Cotton Bowl. With the talent he has this year he may have to do better than that to keep the wolves, not to mention the Wolverines, away from his door. Like most Big Ten teams, Ohio State will have to find a new quarterback, but Tom Tupa was never that far behind Jim Karsatos in Bruce's mind. He is a bit more nimble of foot than the departed Karsatos and, what the heck, if he can't move the team, at least he can punt it out of trouble.

Presuming that Tupa, who has some game experience, gets the job done, he has a lot to work with. The offensive line is strong and experienced, he has some good runners returning and some freshmen burners waiting for their chance, and he has perhaps the best wide receiver in the country in Cris Carter.

There was some question about Carter's status when Bruce suspended him halfway through spring practice, but the All-America receiver (69-1,127-11 TDs) was later reinstated. Oddly, even if Carter had not been available in the fall, the Buckeyes would not have been hurting all that much. They probably would simply have switched backup flanker Everett Ross (15-291) to Carter's split-end position. There are folks in Columbus who feel Ross may be nearly Carter's equal. At present he's behind veteran flanker Nate Harris (30-496) but he'll see plenty of action regardless of Carter's status.

The Buckeyes are deep at tailback with Vince Workman (210-1,030) and Jaymes Bryant (141-656) both returning. Freshman prospects Carlos Snow and Jim Graham may have to wait their turns with those two carrying the load. Fullback George Cooper (113-467) returns for his senior year, but the Buckeyes are not as deep behind him.

There will be some shuffling of the offensive line with guard Jeff Uhlenhake (6-4, 248) shifting to center to replace Bob Maggs. Tackle Joe Staysniak (6-5, 274) and guard Greg Zackeroff (6-5, 262) are other returning starters. The remaining positions likely will be filled by Jeff Davidson (6-6, 276) and Jay Shaffer (6-7, 286). Bruce had expected to have another veteran, Larry Kotterman, but the starting tackle slipped on some ice over the winter, reinjuring a knee and ending his career. If anything concerns Bruce on offense it is the lack of an adequate backup for Tupa.

His worries on defense are few. Not many teams can line up with two potential All-America linebackers. But inside backer Chris Spielman made it last year and Eric Kumerow is a big-play producer on the outside. Completing the strongest linebacking corps in the country are Derek Isaman, a possible all-conference selection, and Fred Ridder, last year's starting nose guard.

There are some soft spots in the line, where Mike Showalter (6-4, 248), who started as a freshman last year, is the only returnee. The situation could improve if Ray Holliman (6-4, 259), a regular at tackle until he hurt a knee in the season opener against Alabama, can return.

Three-fourths of the defensive backfield is back, missing only rover Sonny Gordon. Sean Bell, brother of Chicago Bears' defensive back Todd Bell, missed last year with an injury but could challenge for the rover position. Of the three who return, cornerback William White is the standout.

The Buckeyes rebounded from two straight losses at the start of last season to win nine in a row. They should start faster, with home opening games against West Virginia and Oregon, but a visit to LSU will be a tough overture to the Big Ten season.

MICHIGAN

(11-2, 7-1) It was golfer Walter Hagen who once advised a too serious colleague to stop and smell the roses along the way. Bo Schembechler is trying to take that advice, but every time he gets within sniffing distance of the roses, he comes up with a nose full of thorns.



It happened again last year when Arizona State beat the Wolverines in the Rose Bowl, Schembechler's seventh Rose Bowl defeat in eight appearances. Schembechler, whose 207 career victories are the most of any active coach, could get another chance to solve his thorny problem on New Year's Day.

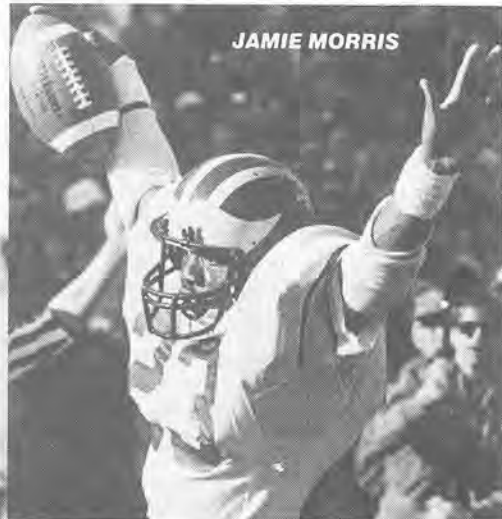
Although record-setting quarterback Jim Harbaugh, who was the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player in 1986, has departed, Michigan is loaded on offense. The Wolverines' line, led by Outland Trophy candidate John (Jumbo) Elliott, could be its best ever. Running back Jamie Morris is back, seeking to become the first Wolverine to rush for 1,000 yards for three successive seasons. The wide receivers are young but talented.

On defense the front three returns intact and there is no problem at linebacker. Where Schembechler is concerned—concerned enough to consider moving starting flanker John Kolesar—is with the secondary. He has two veterans returning in safeties Erik Campbell and Doug Mallory, but the Rose Bowl defeat opened Schembechler's eyes to the need for speed in the defensive backfield.

Michigan is going into the fall with Harbaugh's successor still to be determined. Senior Chris Zurbrugg and juniors Demetrius Brown and Michael Taylor were all in the hunt, although Taylor broke his hand in the spring game. Zurbrugg is the only one with game experience, and he was a starter for the last six games in 1984 after Harbaugh broke his arm. In one game he set Michigan records for

yardage (289) and touchdown passes (4), but the bad news was that the Wolverines lost the game. In fact, Michigan was only 3-3 under Zurbrugg and finished with its worst record in the Schembechler era. Brown and Taylor are both better runners, but Zurbrugg has the obvious edge in reading defenses.

Kolesar, who averaged nearly 27 yards a catch (15-402), and sophomore Greg McMurtry (22-508) will likely be the starting receivers, assuming Schembechler is not se-



rious about moving Kolesar. A freshman, Tripp Wellborne, from North Carolina, has a chance to play a lot, as McMurtry did in his freshman season. Tight end Jeff Brown (18-215) also returns.

Morris, the younger brother of the New York Giants' Joe Morris, came back from an injury to gain 1,086 yards last year. But the two top fullbacks graduated and the Wolverines will be relying mostly on untried sophomores at fullback and as backup to Morris. If they can run at all, they should have no trouble behind Michigan's line. In addition to Elliott (6-7, 306), the Wolverines return three other starters: tackle Mike Husar (6-3, 280), guard Michael Dames (6-2, 258), and center John Vitale (6-1, 280). Elliott introduced a new statistic. He keeps track of "pancakes," which occur when he knocks a defensive lineman flat.

Michigan's defensive line has a lot of talent, too, led by all-Big Ten tackle Mark Messner

(6-3, 250). Dave Folkertsma (6-5, 263) at the other tackle and middle guard Billy Harris (6-0, 260) also return, Harris for his third year as a regular. Two starting linebackers are back, Andree McIntyre (6-1, 241) inside and John Willingham (6-3, 235) outside. Carlitos Bostic (6-2, 240), who had won a starting job before suffering a knee injury, will contend again for an outside linebacking berth.

Schembechler already has moved tailbacks David Key and Ernie Holloway to defense, seeking more speed in the secondary. Punter Monte Robbins and place-kicker Mike Gillette give the Wolverines experience.

With a favorable schedule—Iowa and Ohio State both at home—Michigan is still the team to beat in the Big Ten.

IOWA

(9-3, 5-3) Everything you wanted to know about Hayden Fry's Hawkeyes should be readily apparent after opening games on the road against Tennessee and Arizona. That's the toughest opening schedule in years for Fry, who likes to go into the Big Ten season like a runaway train after flattening the three biggest cupcakes he can find. This year's Hawkeyes will be more like the little engine that could; they think they can be another championship contender.

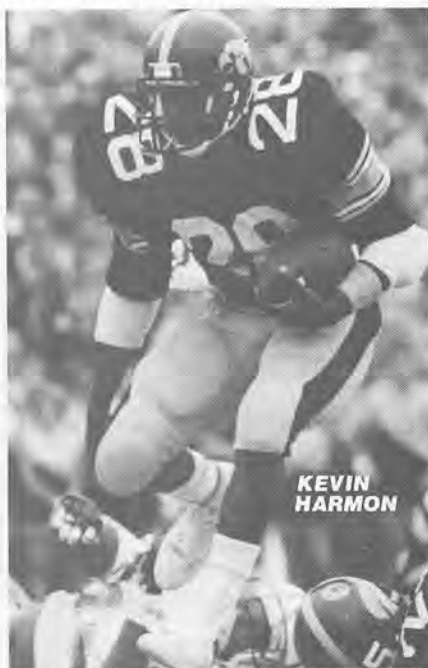
They probably can, providing Fry can rebuild his defense. "We're always going to have a good defense," he once said. If he's right, Iowa could well be headed for the Rose Bowl. Once he'd made up his mind about his quarterback, Fry had little cause to be concerned about his offense.

Yes, he had some work to do on the left side of his offensive line, where he lost All-America Dave Croston, but the right side was solid with returning starters Bob Kratch (6-4, 270), an

arm. In the spring game he threw one pass from his own 30 into the end zone—where it was dropped. McGwire was listed as No. 1 at the end of spring drills. Although speedy backup Robert Smith graduated, both starting ends return. Jim Mauro (30-600) and Quinn Early (22-490) both averaged 20 yards or more per catch. Tight end Mike Flagg (19-295), an all-Big Ten candidate, returns, as do both of his backups.

Fry has never been as deep at running back. Both starters, Kevin Harmon and David Hudson, were out with injuries last year, but they return healthy. Meanwhile, Rick Bayless replaced Harmon, rushed for 1,150 yards, and made all-Big Ten. Richard Bass (81-355) became a solid backup while filling in for Hudson, who eventually returned and averaged seven yards a carry (73-511).

On defense, the Hawkeyes will be extremely young. Both starting linebackers are sophs,



KEVIN HARMON

but one, Brad Quast (6-2, 240), was a starter as a freshman. The other, Melvin Foster, a redshirt last year, was the player of the year in Texas as a high school senior.

The secondary is almost as green. The only sure returning starter is junior safety Keaton Smiley. Senior Kerry Burt has a back injury that leaves his status uncertain. If Burt does not make it, Smiley will be joined in the backfield by three players who redshirted last year: safety Tork Hook and cornerbacks Merton Hanks and Anthony Wright. Hanks appears to be the most talented of the three.

Although All-America Jeff Drost graduated, the defensive line has some experience. Nose guard Dave Haight (6-3, 270) made the all-conference first team and end Joe Mott (6-4, 235) is another returning first-stringer. Senior Mike Burke (6-5, 225), a former quarterback, is the other likely starter at end. Seniors Joe Schuster (6-5, 260) and Steve Thomas (6-1, 270) are the tackles.

Rob Houghtlin, whose field goals have won four games over the last two seasons, returns as the place-kicker, but Fry needs a punter to replace Gary Kostrabula. Walk-on Ross Blount gets first crack at the job.

The schedule makers have done Iowa no favors this year. The Hawkeyes have to play both Michigan and Ohio State on the road in the second half of the season.

MICHIGAN STATE

(6-5, 4-4) A year that started with great expectations ended in disappointment for the Spartans in 1986. Tailback Lorenzo White, a front runner for the Heisman Trophy, suffered a series of nagging injuries and his production fell off nearly 70 percent. Losing four games by three points apiece, the Spartans never were in contention in the Big Ten and did not receive a bowl bid after a late-season upset loss to Northwestern.

The Spartans could be a sleeper in the Big Ten this year if two things happen. First, veteran backup quarterback Bobby McAllister has to come through for the graduated Dave Yarema, who led the country by completing 67 percent of his passes last year. Second, of course, White has to approximate his sophomore season, when he gained 1,908 yards and led the nation. White had knee and ankle injuries last year and by spring practice the knee was fine but the ankle was still a little ouchy. Coach George Perles is expecting White to go full speed ahead in September.

In deference to McAllister's running talents, the Spartans have switched to the option-I of-



DAVID HUDSON

fense, which probably will help White as well. Still, with the quality of receivers he has at his disposal, McAllister will be expected to throw, too. McAllister started five games two years ago when Yarema was injured and had mixed success. He had a great game in a near-upset of Iowa, but went downhill after that.

Michigan State lost one of the top receivers in the country in flanker Mark Ingram, a first-round draft choice, but speedster Willie Bouyer (9-163) is expected to step in and perform at the same high level. Split end Andre Rison, who set school records for catches (54) and yardage (966) would be an All-America candidate were it not for the new system and uncertainty about McAllister's arm. Tight end Mike Sargent (20-174) also returns along with Rich Gicewicz, an experienced backup.

The entire starting offensive line returns and Perles's only concern is that only one of them,



RICK BAYLESS
Iowa

All-America candidate in his own right, and Herb Wester (6-8, 295). Yes, he had to decide among three quarterback candidates, but in this case there was strength in numbers. Any one of the three, Tom Poholsky, Chuck Hartlieb, or Dan McGwire, seemed capable of moving the team. Poholsky (64-123-8, 980 yards, 5 TDs) was a starter in several games last year after Mark Vlasic got hurt. But McGwire, a 6-8 sophomore, has a cannon

center Pat Shurmur (6-2, 238), is a fifth-year senior. At guard will be Vince Tata (6-1, 265) and Mark Hill (6-4, 270); the returning tackles are Tony Mandarich (6-5, 297) and Dave Houle (6-4, 276).

The Spartans could surprise some people on defense. Perles has been gradually adding some beef to his quick-footed linemen and tackle Mark Nichols (6-2, 252) is an All-America possibility. Only two starters were lost to graduation. The key was middle linebacker Shane Bullough, whose spot will go to sophomore Percy Snow, the only freshman to play at Michigan State last year. The Spartans' top linebacker is senior Tim Moore, who mans the strong side and is considered to be in the mold of Carl Banks. Other returning linemen are tackle Travis Davis (6-2, 258), the MVP of the spring game, and ends Joe Bergin (6-0, 248) and John Budde (6-3, 230).

The secondary is totally revamped despite the presence of three starters. In an effort to inject more speed into the unit, last year's starting cornerbacks, Todd Krumm and John Miller, have been switched to safety, with Krumm beating out returning starter Maurice Chamberlain at free safety. Derrick Reed, who started for Southern Methodist last year, will be one of the starting cornerbacks and Craig Johnson has been switched from tailback to the other corner.

Greg Montgomery averaged an amazing 47.8 yards on his punts last year, so there is no concern in that area. There could be a problem with the place-kicker, but Perles hopes freshman John Langeloh can handle

the assignment. The Spartans were unhappy with Chris Caudell, who missed 7 out of 10 in the 30-50-yard range a year ago.

Michigan State has a tough nonconference schedule, facing Southern Cal, Notre Dame, and Florida State, but only the Notre Dame game is on the road. The first two conference games are against Iowa and Michigan, and by then the Spartans should have a pretty good idea of how the season will go.

INDIANA

(6-6, 3-5) The Hoosiers have gone from 0-11 to a bowl game in two years and now they think they're ready for the next step: a first-division berth in the Big Ten. They thought they had achieved that goal last year until they were upset by Illinois and Purdue in their final two games. As happy as they were to play in a bowl for the first time since 1979, the Hoosiers couldn't help reflecting on what might have been. Three of their conference losses were by two points and another by five.

Indiana should be able to match its offensive production of a year ago (fifth in the conference). The biggest problem will be in the line, where Bob Riley, a second-team all-Big Ten tackle, has departed, along with tight end Dave Lilja and center Dave Kinniry. But both starting guards, Tim Radtke (6-2, 265) and

ter performing brilliantly (a touchdown pass, two TD runs) in his first start. Kramme (98-180-1, 334, 6 TDs) started four games, including the All-America Bowl. Brian Dewitz, who started the other six games at quarterback, has been switched to free safety.

Mallory got a scare when Anthony Thompson, the sensational freshman tailback (191-806, 5 TDs) of a year ago, suffered a partial ligament tear in a knee during the spring, but Thompson is expected to be ready by fall. Fullback Tom Polce (43-136) has started 23 straight games but Andre Powell was looking so good in the spring he had a chance to win the starting job.

Indiana's defense will hinge on how well it can replace veteran safeties Leonard Bell and Alex Green. The strength of the unit will be the linebacking, where Van Waiters, a legitimate All-America candidate, heads an experienced crew. Joe Huff, who started nine games last year, joins Waiters outside, while veteran starters Willie Bates and Brad Mitchell return inside. In addition, Larry Luther, who started eight games at nose guard, has been switched to inside linebacker, adding depth.

Dan Bauer (6-3, 242), who started all 12 games but divided his time between tackle and nose guard, will be at the latter position. Doug Schlereth (6-3, 251) and Walt Harris (6-4, 258) are the starting tackles. The Hoosiers have experience at cornerback in Erick Coleman and Joe Ziegler, but Dewitz, the ex-quarterback, will try to replace Green at free safety, and Marc Ferry, a walk-on, will start in place of Bell at strong safety.

The kicking game is in good feet, with punter Dan Stryzinski (41.1) returning along with soccer-style booter Pete Stoyanovich.

The Hoosiers have started out 4-0 in each of the last two years but they could run into trouble at Kentucky in their second game this season. Otherwise, another 4-0 start is a possibility heading into an early October showdown at Ohio State.

ILLINOIS

(4-7, 3-5) A few years ago, Illinois coach Mike White warned the experts they were overlooking his team and a few months later the Illini had become the only team ever to go 9-0 in the Big Ten. Now White is at it again. He doesn't expect Illinois to go to the Rose Bowl, but he does expect the Illini to go to a bowl game. His reasoning is the same as it was back in 1983: a veteran defensive unit that is ready to jell.

If he chose, White could start 10 of the 11 players who finished last season as the top pass-defense unit in the conference. But he thinks he can do better than that. So he switched veteran linebacker Sam Ellsworth back inside where he belongs, brought in former SMU starter Gabe de la Garza to play alongside him, switched Craig Moore from defensive back to outside backer, and watched happily as redshirt freshman Morris Gardner (6-3, 244) beat out incumbent nose tackle Jim Blondell (6-1, 258) in the spring. The result, he feels, is a defense that is not only solid but deep. The two most touted players on the unit are end Scott Davis (6-7, 268) and strong safety Bobby Dawson. Davis is a pass-rushing specialist who makes big plays and Dawson is a hard-hitting tackler. The other end is Mike Piel (6-4, 256), a returning starter.

John Wachter, who started last year as a freshman, is back opposite Moore at outside



LORENZO WHITE
Michigan State



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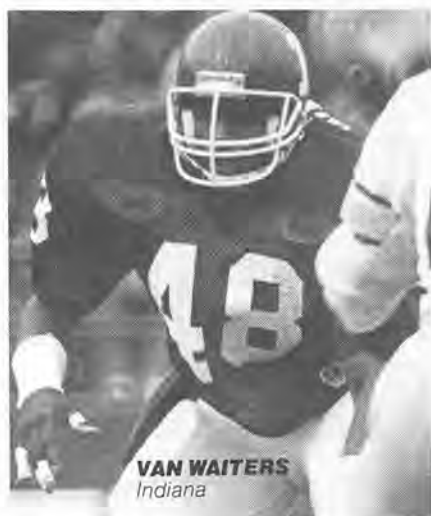
JOHN BUDDE

Don Shrader (6-2, 274), return and Joe Dedic (6-4, 273), who started three games, enables Bill Mallory to employ a three-man rotation there. Eric Moore (6-7, 280) is back at the other tackle and being boomed for postseason honors. Jeff Fryar (6-5, 272), a two-year letterman, will replace Riley. Brian Finney (6-3, 264), who saw action as Kinniry's backup, will start at center.

At tight end, Tim Jorden and Carlos Marte are experienced. The Hoosiers seem well set at the skill positions, so much so that wide receiver Kenny Allen, who two years ago set school records for catches (55) and yards (929), will be backing up Tony Buford (26-416) and Ernie Jones (25-483). Jones is a deep threat who averaged 19.3 yards a catch. Mallory will probably go with two quarterbacks, with Dave Kramme slightly ahead of Dave Schnell only because the latter sprained an ankle in the spring. Schnell has had injury problems, separating a shoulder last year af-

linebacker but Steve Glasson, who started as a redshirt freshman, will back up De la Garza this time. There's plenty of experience, too, in the secondary. Keith Taylor, who finally seems to have shaken the offseason injury jinx that sidelined him two years in a row after his freshman season, will start at one corner and veteran African Grant will man the other. White has brought in another of his seemingly endless supply of California junior-college products, Glen Cobb, to be his free safety.

The California connection is much more in evidence on offense, which needs a quick fix. For the first time since he came to Illinois and brought in David Wilson to be his top gun, White suffered through the 1986 season with-



out a topflight quarterback. Freshman Brian Menkhausen (96-168-4, 991, 4 TDs) saw considerable action in relief of the now-departed Shane Lamb and goes into the fall as the probable starter. But JC transfer Scott Mohr, after a slow start in the spring, came along to narrow the gap and win the backup job. He has a stronger arm and could yet be the starter.

Tailback Keith Jones (133-534), despite being named the team MVP last year, is no cinch to start over yet another JC transfer from California, Lynn McClellan, who was injured in '86. There are three candidates to play fullback: junior Greg Turner, converted linebacker Jeff Markland, who is a load at 245 pounds, and Victory Bowley-Williams, who is, yes, another California JC product.

There is no shortage of experience in the receiving corps, although there are no David Williamses, either. There is a Steve Williams, David's younger brother, but he has never lived up to the family tradition and will be a backup to Darryl Usher, the fastest man on the team. Stan Fit and James Gordon are the flankers. But none of the four wideouts caught more than 12 balls last year. The leading returning receiver is tight end Anthony Williams (36-369), a possible all-conference performer.

The offensive line, a weakness last season, has some experience and could be better. This could be the year that Areal Doolittle (6-4, 300) finally justifies White's faith in him. He'll start at tackle along with Tom Schertz (6-5, 265). The anchor of the unit is returning center Dave Harbour (6-4, 251), who will be flanked by a pair of veteran guards, Mike Scully (6-5, 267), ineligible last year, returns for his final season and junior Mark McGowan (6-4, 267) is another returning starter.

Once more the pre-conference schedule is tough, with the opener at North Carolina followed by a home game against Rose Bowl champ Arizona State. If the Illini aren't 0-2 by then, White's record as a prognosticator will be looking pretty good.

MINNESOTA

(6-6, 5-3) A last-second field goal in the final Big Ten game of the season deprived the Gophers of a third-place conference finish in John Gutekunst's first year as a head coach. But a previous victory over Michigan and a gritty showing in the 30-27 loss to Iowa earned Minnesota its second straight bowl bid. Unless Gutekunst, a defensive specialist, can find a way to rebuild quickly on defense, the Gophers seem headed for a plunge.

The offense should provide plenty of points, especially if quarterback Rickey Foggie can stay healthy. But the defense, mediocre at best, lost nine starters. Gutekunst began making repairs in spring practice but by no means had settled on a set lineup. Probably the top player on defense is senior lineman Gary Hadd (6-5, 262), who can handle tackle or nose guard. Other linemen who'll play a lot include Doug Mueller (6-4, 242), who started at nose guard until sustaining a fractured ankle, Ross Ukkelberg (6-5, 260), and Trint Trip (6-5, 278), who caught then-coach Lou Holtz's eye as a freshman two years ago but has yet to reach his potential.

Although there is some experience returning at outside linebacker, the two starters figure to be Brian Bonner, a transfer from Wisconsin who played fullback two years ago, and Ron Goetz, a backup fullback last year. Inside, sophomore Jon Leverenz and junior Terry Hrycak appear to have first call.

The secondary has only one starter returning, strong safety Steve Franklin, but he will apparently be a backup. Warren Berry, a red-shirt junior, and David Williams were the safeties and Chuck McCree and Carlos McGee the corners as spring drills ended. Franklin and JC transfer Doug Evans also were in the far from clear picture.

The picture is much brighter on offense, where some refurbishing of the line is the major concern. Both starting tackles and center Ray Hitchcock graduated, but Dan Rechlin (6-7, 273), a former starter, will man one of the tackle spots. Both guards, Troy Wolkow (6-4, 268) and Paul Anderson (6-3, 264), are back; Wolkow is a standout.

Foggie, a better runner than passer, is perfect for the Gophers' option offense, but he has been bothered with stress fractures in both legs the last couple of seasons. The legs were still a little tender in the spring. The Gophers ranked last in passing in the Big Ten and Foggie completed only 45 percent of his throws (87-191-8, 1, 265 yards, 8 TDs). But he was capable of making the big play with his arm and his tortured legs. Only two other conference quarterbacks, Michigan's Jim Harbaugh and Michigan State's Dave Yarema, were responsible for more touchdowns than Foggie's 15 rushing and throwing.

Foggie no longer is a one-man offensive show for the Gophers, however. Not since freshman tailback Darrell Thompson burst onto the scene with a four-touchdown debut in the Gophers' opener last year. Although he scored only four more touchdowns the rest of the season, Thompson ended up leading the Big Ten in rushing with a school-record 1,240

yards and was a first-team all-conference selection. The starting fullback will be converted quarterback Roselle Richardson (51-273), who has bulked up to 238 pounds. Minnesota is not overly blessed with wide receivers but hopes Gary Couch (11-218) will live up to his early promise.

The kicking game should not be a problem. Brent Herbel is a decent punter with a 40.5 average, and Chip Lohmiller was first-team all-Big Ten after making 13 of 18 field goals, including a school-record 62-yarder.

Although Minnesota will not be as good as it was a year ago, the record may not reflect that. The Gophers have had a favorable early schedule the last two years and this one is even softer, since Oklahoma isn't on it. The first four games are at home against beatable teams and the fifth is at Northwestern. So Minnesota has a chance to be 5-0 going into an October 17 game with Indiana. But Gopher fans shouldn't get too excited, because the worst will be yet to come.

NORTHWESTERN

(4-7, 2-6) Winning four games would get some coaches fired but it got Francis Peay the reputation as a miracle worker. Taking over the team just three days before spring practice and serving all season with the title "interim" coach, Peay took Northwestern to "heights" it hadn't reached since 1973. The "interim" is gone from his title and coach Peay hopes to solidify the gains that were made in 1986. With the Big Ten's best quarterback and a veteran offensive line back, the Wildcats should at least be competitive again.

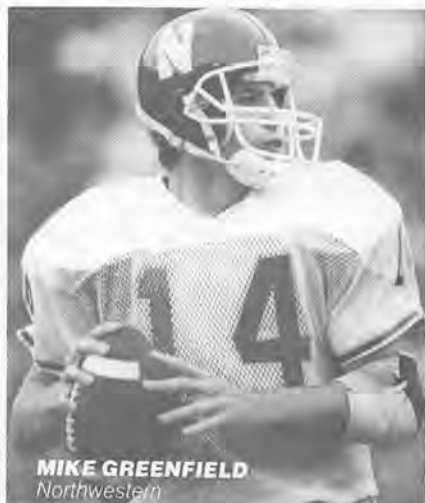
Mike Greenfield has been Northwestern's starting quarterback since the second half of his freshman year and enters his senior season second on the Wildcats' all-time passing and total-yardage lists. He is neither a great passer nor a great runner but is more than adequate at both. Peay's only regret is that Greenfield is so good that he can't get backup Greg Bradshaw into a game. "Bradshaw deserves to play," says Peay, "but the way Greenfield keeps performing it presents a problem for us." It's a problem most Big Ten coaches would love to have and Peay isn't really complaining.

He has no complaints either about the offensive line, where starters Steve Hoffman (6-4, 265), Tom Nicklas (6-5, 270), Jeff Stainton (6-4, 260), and Mike Baum (6-5, 260) all return. Nicklas is being moved from guard to



center and Stainton from tackle to guard to cover the loss of center John Yale.

The Wildcats have no superstars in the backfield or receiving corps but do have some steady performers. Halfback Stanley Davenport rushed for 703 yards and six touchdowns last year, although he started only five games because of an injury. Against Iowa he had 155 yards, including an 89-yard touchdown run. Veteran Ron Burton will start at fullback and freshman prospect Bob Christian from St. Louis will see some action in the backfield. The receivers are led by returning starter George Jones (17-259), who "could be good," according to Peay, "but he needs to develop consistency." Randy McClellan will open at flanker and Bob Driscoll (14-230) at tight end. Marc Bumgarner, a 6-5 receiver who missed last season with a broken foot, is back and can play tight end or wide receiver.



MIKE GREENFIELD
Northwestern

The defense is not so settled, particularly in the line, where three starters graduated. The only returning lineman is left end Dave Holding (6-3, 260). Among those vying for the other positions are a couple of junior-college players and Adam James (6-5, 260), who sat out last season.

Linebacking presents less of a problem. Alan Brown and Tom Kaukialo are back inside after starting every game last year and senior Bob Bucaro, the starter outside before breaking a leg in the Indiana game, hopes to return, although he missed spring drills. Meantime, junior Kevin Peterson has the job.

Pass defense, once a disaster area for Northwestern, was a strength last year and three of the backs return. The most talented of the group, Brett Whitley, who has eight interceptions over the last two seasons, moves from cornerback to free safety to cover the loss of Todd Krehbiel. Rich Myers at rover and cornerback Jeff Robinson are the other returning starters.

Peay will have to find a replacement for place-kicker John Duvic; it appears the job will go to sophomore Ira Adler.

PURDUE

(3-8, 2-6) When Purdue hired former Texas coach Fred Akers to replace Leon Burnnett, it may have been the end of an era. As far back as anyone can remember, Purdue has been a quarterback factory, but now it appears the emphasis will be on the run. Akers did not deny that he was going to try to beef up a

ground attack that finished last in the Big Ten. And who could blame him for that? The Boilermakers totaled 623 rushing yards, about half as many as the ninth-ranked team in the conference. One reason was that freshman quarterback Jeff George lost 210 yards all by himself when he was sacked trying to pass. Another was that Purdue was one of two teams in the conference to throw more often than it ran.

Nevertheless, when a team averages just 56 yards a game on the ground it's lucky to win three games. Purdue's two Big Ten victories were by a total of three points. Whether Akers totally retools his power plant remains to be seen, but George, for one, chose not to remain to be seen. The highly touted quarterback decided to transfer almost as soon as he learned that the run-oriented Akers would be the new coach. Simple prudence might have dictated the same response had Burnnett survived the disastrous season. Operating behind an offensive line with more holes than a cheese grater, George was battered from pillar to post and did not live up to his gaudy reputation. Senior Doug Downing, a sometimes starter, goes into the fall as No. 1, but sophomore Shawn McCarthy, who also does the Boilermaker punting, won the backup role and could be the quarterback of the future.

Downing will be operating behind a relatively experienced line. Three starters return, and the line might even have become a strength of sorts were it not for the reinjury to center Todd Tyrie's shoulder that ended his career. Guard Bruce Crites (6-2, 255) has moved over to center, tackle Mike Connors (6-4, 272) in turn moves to guard as Akers plays musical linemen. One indication that the line may be a bit stronger than a year ago is that starting tackle Kieth Brown (6-2, 278) is listed behind the less experienced Dan Payne (6-6, 287).

Tailback James Medlock, who gained 475 yards, about two-thirds of the team's total, has been shifted to fullback in an effort to get more speed in the backfield. A junior-college transfer, Daren Myles, will start at tailback, backed up by Jerry Chaney, last year's leading receiver (46-257). After just a few days of spring practice, Akers could see some progress. "The first day we had a little contact it was more like a pillow fight out there," he said. "But as time went on they started to get their pads down and find out what the front part of that headgear was for." There will be a little more speed at wide receiver, too, with 5-8, 158-pound Anthony Hardy, a transfer from Wichita State, starting.

Akers has gone to a 4-3 defense, which he considers inherently more aggressive. There are a few standout players on the unit, like end Tony Visco (6-4, 243) and middle linebacker Fred Strickland. Chris Keevers (6-2, 262), a nose guard in the previous alignment, moved ahead of Canadian-born Bill Hitchcock (6-6, 268), who started 10 games at tackle as a freshman. Bill Gildea (6-1, 260) is a returning starter at the other tackle.

Purdue's most grievous loss was All-America cornerback Rod Woodson, who was an outstanding punt- and kickoff-return man and played some offense. The Boilermakers have three backs who started last year in Ronnie Beeks, Marc Foster, and Scott Kalinoski and may get veteran Chris Dishman back.

It may be all academic for a team which was last in the Big Ten in both rushing and passing defense last year.

WISCONSIN

(3-9, 2-6) The Badgers never recovered from the tragic death of head coach Dave McClain last year and so replacement Jim Hilles turned out to be an interim coach. Even with a favorable schedule, a veteran defensive unit, and star running back Larry Emery, Wisconsin was 1-3 going into Big Ten play. This year the early schedule is even easier—the first three games are at home against Hawaii, Utah, and Ball State—but new coach Don Morton has no Emery, no Joe Armentrout, and virtually no proven defensive players.

Morton arrived from Tulsa and installed a new offense, the veer option. "It's all new," Morton says, "but that's part of change." Speaking of change, Morton has made alterations in the offensive line, which, he correctly notes, "is our strength." He's taken tackles Paul Gruber (6-5, 280) and Glenn Derby (6-7, 290), both all-conference candidates, and switched them to guard, flanking veteran center Rodney Lossow (6-3, 260). "With an option team," he explains, "you have to control the interior, so we put our biggest hitters at guard and the guardlike players become tackles." Thus returning guard Todd Nelson (6-5, 265) becomes one tackle while Lossow will alternate with Steve Rux (6-3, 252) between center and the other tackle.

Oddly, one thing Morton is not worried about is quarterback. "Everyone was concerned," he says, "because the quarterbacks were not recruited to run the option. They'll be fine. Our concern is with the supporting cast." The probable No. 1 is Bud Keyes (93-174-13, 1,002, 5 TDs), who, after a two-year running battle with Mike Howard, finally emerged as the starter for the final eight games last year. But he was being pushed in the spring by junior Paul Chryst. At Tulsa, Morton said, his teams threw the ball only 26 percent of the time. But, he added, "We've never had a quarterback who could throw as well as the ones we have here. I can see us becoming 60-40 running to passing."

The Badgers ranked ninth in Big Ten passing last year, so who will the quarterbacks throw to? Although one starting wide receiver, Scott Bestor, returns, he caught only 19 balls for 247 yards. Without Emery, who rushed for nearly 3,000 yards in his career, and the multi-talented fullback Armentrout, Wisconsin seems short on running backs, too. Marvin Artley, the second-leading rusher (77-324), and Steve Vinci (43-142) will be the starters.

Rebuilding is required on defense, where 10 starters are gone. Since the Badgers were ninth in total defense the losses might not seem significant, but in truth there was a lot of talent at linebacker and Nate Odomes was a first-string all-Big Ten cornerback. The only returnee is safety Pete Nowka. Morton is bringing in a new system, but "basically it's an offshoot of the old Okie defense." Probably the standout is Dan Kissling, a backup strong safety last year who will be called an invert linebacker. "That's like the old monster," explains Morton. Other likely starters include Chad Vandezande (6-3, 261), John Banaszak (6-5, 249), Don Davey, (6-5, 227), and Jeff Wolf (6-3, 259) on the line and Victor Fortino, David Wings, and Tim Knoeck at linebacker.

One problem that does not face Morton is the kicking game. Punter Scott Cepicky and place-kicker Todd Gregoire are capable and experienced.

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NOTRE DAME

(5-6) For a coach who said he went into spring drills looking for 10 new defensive starters, Lou Holtz is surprisingly optimistic. "We aren't as talented as we were a year ago," said Holtz, "but I think we may have a better team."

To have a better football team, the Irish will have to find some way to get the ball to flanker Tim Brown. A legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate, Brown scored five touchdowns receiving and two each rushing and returning kickoffs last year. This season he'll add punt returns to his duties. "I hope he returns more punts than kickoffs," said Holtz.

Holtz's concerns about getting the ball into Brown's hands are twofold. Most obvious is that Steve Beuerlein, an underappreciated overachiever who holds almost every Notre Dame passing record, has graduated. Going into the fall, Holtz has nominated last year's backup, Terry Andrysiak (17-30-11, 233 yards, 1TD) as the starter. He characterizes Andrysiak as a good but streaky passer who needs work on his footwork and reads. "I really don't want to go into the fall looking for a No. 1 quarterback," said Holtz, "but sometimes you find one when you're not looking for one." If that happens, the "find" is likely to be Tony Rice, a top prospect who was a Proposition 48 casualty last year.

Holtz's second concern is that Brown (45-910), who drew double coverage most of the time last year, will be even more closely guarded now that Milt Jackson has gone. "Milt Jackson went unnoticed by both the opposition and the media," Holtz said. He's not comfortable with his split ends but thinks Reggie Ward will start. Alvin Miller, who has been injury-plagued throughout his career, is coming off knee surgery and probably won't be available until October. The Irish also have to replace tight end Joel Williams. Andy Heck (7-36) is the heir apparent.

At least Holtz is blessed with a veteran offensive line and a good crop of running backs. Although only one runner, Mark Green (96-406), had as many as 400 yards last year, the Irish outrushed opponents by a wide margin. Alonzo Jefferson, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, has battled his way



Tim Brown Wherever Tim Brown has played football he has stood out like a solitary silo in a Kansas wheat field. This is his blessing and his curse. An electrifying performer with a legitimate chance to win the Heisman Trophy, Notre Dame's senior flanker has never performed on a team worthy of his talents. In his whole life he has known just one winning season, the 7-5 record the Irish posted in his freshman year. He couldn't understand why Notre Dame fans were so unhappy with that record. If they'd only known the trouble he'd seen. As a high school player in Dallas, "We won something like four games in my three years on the varsity," Brown recalled.

How could a team with a future All-America in its midst possibly win only four games in three years? "It's possible," said Brown, "when you've got a bunch of guys who are thinking more about getting drunk than they are about football. They had other aspirations. They had their own things to concentrate on and football wasn't one of them. When I finally realized the other guys weren't into football, it was hard on me. I wanted to win. They wanted to win, too, but only when it was time to play the game. They wouldn't think about it in practice."

Brown is that rarity, a great player who is also a great practice player. It took new head coach Lou Holtz just three days on the practice field last spring to discover the gem he had inherited from Gerry Faust. By then he was already telling reporters, "Tim Brown may be the best football player I've ever seen." The contrast to his teammates was striking. "He had good work habits and a lot of personal pride," said Holtz. "He just picked things up so quickly. You'd tell him one time and he understood it. He has an awareness of the game. He knows the down and distance and what he needs. He knows when to try to outrun his man and when to cut it back. It's nothing you can teach or coach."

Brown thought he was working hard in high school, too, but sometimes he won-

ders. "In a way it wasn't so hard. You stood out so. Even if I wasn't working so hard I stood out." In football-mad Texas he did not make the all-state team, but he stood out so that recruiters from every Southwest Conference team plus Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, and Notre Dame came calling. He came perilously close to attending hometown SMU, he admitted, but "in my senior year in high school all this stuff came around about probation. I'm definitely glad now, to say the least."

No gladder than Holtz, who knows that Brown could be the difference between calamity and a winning season. Last year, in a second consecutive 5-6 campaign, Brown scored five touchdowns as a receiver, two as a running back, and two on kickoff returns. In addition, he had a 97-yard kickoff return against Penn State called back. He was the leading receiver with 910 yards on 45 catches, the No. 4 rusher with 254 yards, and set a school record with 1,937 all-purpose yards.

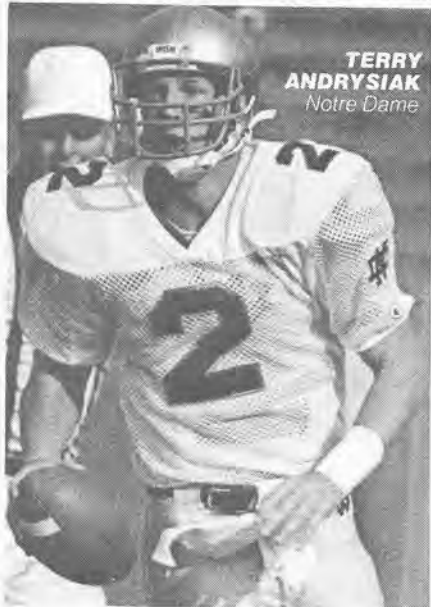
"I don't see me doing anything different this year," he said, "unless [coach] has me playing quarterback." But there will be one more chore for Brown to perform this season. Holtz intends to have him return punts on a regular basis after watching him set up the game-winning field goal with a 56-yard return in the season finale against USC. Obviously, Holtz is figuring the more times Tim Brown has the ball, the more chance he has to beat you.

"We've got to be careful not to use him too much," said Holtz, "but without the ball he opens up a lot of things for other people." Without the ball, Brown works just as hard as he does with it, according to Holtz. "He's talking about blocking," said Brown, "and when you're not the primary receiver you still run your pattern hard. That's just being the best player you can be. You don't want to look bad. If you don't run your pattern right, the guy guarding you is going to end up making the play."

Running pass patterns is not Brown's favorite role. "To me, watching someone return the kickoff is really exciting." He also thinks, "I'm a better runner after I catch the ball." Like most great runners, he has no clear idea what makes him so. "If I were to look at myself on film, I'd say, 'This guy's an exciting player.' A lot of it is instinct. I have no idea what I'm going to do until a guy gets in my face."

Although he runs track in the offseason and in the back of his mind is considering trying out for the 1988 Olympic team, Brown considers himself, like his favorite player, the Bears' Willie Gault, "a football player who runs track, not the other way around."

The Heisman Trophy is something he admits he has thought about. Notre Dame, after all, has produced more Heisman winners than any other school, though none since John Huarte in 1964. "You can't help but think about it," he confessed. "It's all contingent on how I do. I know my chances are slim to none, but if I don't get it you won't see me crying. If I do get it you probably will see me crying." **Bob Markus**



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into the No. 2 spot behind Green at tailback. Holtz likes all three of his fullbacks, "but the guy who catches your eye is Braxton Banks (49-209)." Pernell Taylor (69-284) and Anthony Johnson (80-349), moved from tailback, are the other fullbacks.

On the offensive line only right guard Shawn Heffern needs to be replaced. The interior, with guards Tom Freeman (6-4, 265) and Byron Spruell (6-4, 279) and center Chuck Lanza (6-2, 270), is particularly solid. Tackle Tom Rehder (6-7, 263) missed spring drills but is expected to be healthy in the fall.

The Irish will be inexperienced on the defense even if nose guard Mike Griffin and line-backer Cedric Figaro are available. Griffin had back surgery and Holtz is not counting on him. Figaro was suspended for a rules infraction but probably will return in the fall. "We have a lot of ifs and our depth factor is acute,"



said Holtz. But he's excited about linebackers Frank Stams (6-3, 235), switched from fullback, and Ned Bolcar (6-2, 235), who two years ago was one of the hottest prospects in the country. Wes Pritchett (6-5, 234) and Mike Stonebreaker (6-1, 218) have also caught his eye. Tom Gorman (6-6, 260) will be the nose guard if Griffin doesn't make it back and Jeff Kunz (6-5, 256) seems set at one tackle. The secondary is of particular concern with only cornerback Marv Spence a fixture. If Brandy Wells's knees hold up, he will probably be a starter. "But the chemistry is good and the fundamentals are getting better," said Holtz.

The Irish have to replace place-kicker John Carney and punter Dan Sorensen, but what they need most of all is a little luck. Last year they nearly upset Michigan and Penn State and could easily have gone 8-3 with a break here and there. The schedule is not quite so difficult as it was a year ago, although four of the first five games are on the road. Above all, the Irish cannot afford injuries, especially to Brown, who is the franchise.

CINCINNATI

(5-6) Now that the Bearcats have lost their all-time rushing leader, Reggie Taylor, they'll have to look at the other side of the McCoin—Danny McCoin, that is. Taylor, three times a 1,000-yard rusher, finished his Cincinnati career with a school-record 4,242 yards. He got 1,325 of them as a senior, when he was involved in 36 percent of the offensive plays.

In McCoin, Cincinnati has another record performer. The senior quarterback has already broken Greg Cook's school record for

completions (386), and in the opener against Rutgers should surpass Cook's records for attempts and total yards. Last year, McCoin completed 237 of 369 passes for 2,831 yards. Those numbers ranked him second in the nation in completions, third in yardage, and third in percentage (64.2). Between Taylor's running and McCoin's passing, the Bearcats, despite their losing record, were able to line up against almost any team in the country.

Unfortunately, they chose to try to line up against, among others, the two teams that played for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl. They came within two minutes of upsetting Penn State on the road, before succumbing, 23-17, but were no match for Miami at home. They did, however, beat the other Miami, archrival Miami (OH), and were one of only two teams to beat Peach Bowl champion Virginia Tech. With the same type of rugged schedule facing them this season—though at least they drop Auburn—the Bearcats will be hard-pressed to do much better in the worst column.

In addition to losing Taylor, Cincinnati must rebuild its offensive line around the only two returning starters, center Pat Lavelle (6-4, 260) and guard Ervin Owens (6-2, 265). If that can be accomplished, the Bearcats should be



all right. Starting split end Joe Hice (44-584), a possession-type receiver, returns. Flanker Jason Stargel, their deep threat, is gone, but Roosevelt Mukes (25-245), a speedster who started two years ago, will replace him. Taylor cannot be replaced but Al McKinney (70-296) has been waiting in the wings for two years to try. The team is deep in fullbacks, with Rob Williams, a starter two years ago who broke his leg last season, coming back to push Scott Tackett and Leonard Cry.

The problems on defense are more severe. The entire linebacking corps is gone, including 6-5, 240 Alex Gordon, a second-round draft choice of the New York Jets. There are three starters returning in the secondary, however, and a lot of experience on the line. In fact one starter, Bob Leshnak (5-11, 231), was moved from tackle to middle linebacker. That still leaves three linemen, tackles Tom Szabados (6-1, 230) and Chris Asbeck (6-2, 255) and end J.H. Caldwell (6-1, 225), who have all been starters at one time or another. Safety John Lewis, who had four interceptions last year, is the top defensive player returning.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

(2-9) Nobody was surprised when the Huskies started out 0-8 in their first campaign as an independent, but a lot of people will be surprised—and dismayed—if it happens again. There are no Miamis, Iowas, Wisconsin, or West Virginias on the schedule this year, and even if they no longer are in a league, the Huskies are back in their own league. Last year's schedule was rated the 14th-most difficult in the country. This year, the strongest team on the schedule appears to be Northwestern. So a .500 or better year is a distinct possibility, especially since Northern returns most of its offense.

The Huskies switched to the wishbone last year, their fourth different offensive set in as many seasons. By the final five games, they started to click and averaged 361 yards per outing from there on. There are 10 starters back from that offense, including guard Ted Karamanos (6-2, 260), their top returning player. Coach Jerry Pettibone compares him favorably with the departed Todd Peat, a third-team All-America guard last season.

The seven top backs from last year return, starting with quarterback Marshall Taylor, who ran for 426 yards and threw for 993 more. The leading rusher was fullback Antonio Davis (141-648), whose breakaway speed was evidenced in a 70-yard touchdown run, one of his four TDs. Rodney Taylor (101-548) also returns punts and kickoffs and totaled 1,272 all-purpose yards. Virgil Gerin, the leading receiver (18-210), is back, but naturally the Huskies do not emphasize the pass in the wishbone. They hope to emphasize it even less this year, since most of their passes came while trying to play catchup.

There is far less experience on the defensive side of the ball, where six starters have graduated. Because of injuries, Northern evolved into a 4-4 defense last year and the results were encouraging enough that Pettibone plans to keep it. The key returnee is inside linebacker Tony Savegnago, who led the team in tackles. There is some experience in the backfield, but that was a problem. Still, the Huskies won't have to defend passes against Vinny Testaverde this season.

"If there's a question, it's on the defensive side of the ball," said Pettibone. "The offense is the strong part of our team; I guess that's obvious."

AKRON

Gerry Faust's Ohio homecoming proved to be a success as the Zips cruised to 7-4 mark, their second straight winning season. Their record could nearly have been 10-1, but they lost three heartbreakers: 21-24 to Eastern Michigan, 24-27 to NCAA Division I-AA semifinalist Eastern Kentucky, and 39-40 in the season finale to Youngstown State. Faust will have a difficult task this season, with only 11 starters returning.

The offense was hit hardest by graduation. Gone are tailback Mike Clark, UA's all-time leading rusher, and quarterback Vernon Stewart, the school's career passer and total-offense leader. Pegged to replace Clark is sophomore Derek Alston, while the starting QB slot appears to be a four-way battle among sophomore Andy Kubrik and Duane Shields and JC transfers John Cook and Steve Brown. There are a pair of solid receivers in Milt Kimbrough (24.5 yards per-catch average) and Ed Andrade. Dan Hampton will

handle fullback. Tackle John Buddenburg (6-5, 255) and guard Greg Townsend (6-2, 262) are the lone returning starters in the line. Competing for the remaining spots are Temple transfer Tim Marconi (6-6, 276) and two ex-Wichita State Shockers, Dave Feather (6-5, 270) and Brian Shertz (6-3, 253).

Faust must also rebuild his defense, and his main concern is finding bodies to fill a depleted linebacking corps. He thinks he may have found his men in Darryl Robinson and Jay Miller, two former linemen. The line is untested, but Mike Rabach has seen some action. The one strong suit is the secondary, which features Bob Lyons and Gary Tyler.

Place-kicker Bob Dombroski kicked eight straight field goals at the end of the season. Punter Mike Knapp graduated and will be replaced by sophomore transfer Bill Rudison.

DAYTON

(10-1) The Flyers were ranked No. 1 in Division III going into the playoffs last year, and even though they lost their entire backfield, their No. 1 wide receiver, two defensive All-Americans—and their first game in the playoffs—they have a chance to be that good again.

On defense they could be even better, even though linebacker Dave Molglin and free safety Doug Zimmer, both Division III All-Americans, have graduated. That's because the other nine starters will be back. The Flyers return the entire defensive front—led by middle guard Rick Kiko (6-1, 225)—that limited opponents to 18.5 yards a game rushing. They have three experienced tackles, including two, Shawn Sullivan (6-2, 250) and Dave Oberst (6-2, 252), who are giants by Division III standards. Last year, Dayton started three sophomores in the defensive backfield with Zimmer and sometimes paid for it. This year that experience could pay off.

On offense, the top two runners of '86 are gone. Tailback Jackie Green, the team MVP with 896 yards rushing, and fullback Tim Norbutt (179-702), a goal-line specialist who scored 39 touchdowns over the last two years, have graduated. Dave Jones, the No. 1 backup at both positions (114-604), will be the tailback. In his only start last year, he ran for 140 yards against Samford. That was the same game in which quarterback Kevin Wilhelm broke his leg. Wilhelm, who had alternated at quarterback with Todd Morris the year before, missed the rest of the season, but he will be back. So will wide receiver James Keys (13-201, 3 TDs) and tight end Tony Petrucci (11-166-2). Only one player is gone from the offensive line, tackle Jerry Meyer, a Division III and Kodak All-America. The best of the returning linemen are center Mike Pittro and guard Mark Cvelbar.

The Flyers will be attempting a little more difficult schedule, with three Division II opponents and four Division III teams that were ranked in the polls last year.

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EASTERN KENTUCKY

In a career that includes two Division I-AA championships and two runner-up finishes, Eastern coach Roy Kidd may have done his best job last season. Stunned in the preseason when tailback Elroy Harris was sidelined, the Colonels overcame a rough start to post a 10-3-1 record. Eastern had won eight straight, including playoff victories over Furman and

Eastern Illinois, before being beaten by Arkansas State in the I-AA semifinals.

Harris, whom many consider the best among many great tailbacks Eastern has had, will return to the lineup to share time with James Crawford. Sophomore Randy Bohler, whose late-season running was a major plus a year ago, has been moved to wide receiver, where the Colonels will try to replace the dependable Alvin Blount. Tight end Oscar Angulo has been switched to fullback. Angulo will replace Vic Parks.

Kidd keeps eight starters on defense but loses three all-OVC players in linebacker Fred Harvey, safety Pat Smith, and end John Klingel. Back are nose guard Eugene Banks, tackle Harold Torrens, and cornerback Danny Copeland, who led the nation in kickoff returns. The offensive line is headed by 6-5, 270-pound John Jackson. Matt Wallace and Lorenzo Fields will contend for the quarterback position vacated by Mike Whitaker.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

When everyone is healthy, the Blue Raiders have an excellent blend of running and passing. Marvin Collier is expected to be recovered from his shoulder separation, although he sat out spring practice as a precaution. Outstanding both at the pass and the run, Collier will be even more effective because of Gerald Anderson's presence at tailback. Anderson gained more than 1,000 yards in 1985 but missed part of last year with shoulder and rib injuries. Collier also will benefit from the experience among his receivers, the best of whom are Robert Alford, Garrett Self, and Mike Pittman. Alford also is a fine kick returner. In all, there are six starters back on offense. Veterans in the line are tackle Steve Spurling and guard Bob Malia.

Five starters were lost on defense, but Jack Pittman stands out at tackle, and help is expected from Sam Boxley, a 250-pound transfer from Wichita State. Other returnees include linebackers Andre Dyer and Don Thomas and a corps of ends: Brad Cowan, Kenny Tippins, Marty Euverard, and Killy Bins.

MURRAY STATE

If the Racers can overcome the loss of six defensive starters, new coach Mike Mahoney will be in position to go for the top spot again. Mahoney, an assistant at Kansas, replaced Frank Beamer, who went to Virginia Tech.

After a lazy start, Murray switched to freshman quarterback Michael Proctor and went on to a 7-4-1 season. In only seven games, the strong-armed Proctor threw for 1,508 yards, a school record for a freshman. He has an extremely explosive receiver in Stanley Howard, who averaged 24.4 yards per catch. Still, Murray's passing game may not be as dominating as its running attack, which features three tailbacks who have exceeded 1,000 yards in their careers. Rodney Payne held that position most of last year, then he was hurt at Morehead State. At that time, Bill Bird was switched from fullback to tailback and posted a couple of 100-yard games. The third tailback is Willie Cannon, outstanding as a freshman in 1983 before tailing off and then sitting out last season. Cannon reportedly has been running like the old days. The offensive line is solid with Eric Crigler and Greg Hurd.

The defense is led by linebacker Jon Tharpe, tackles Lance Golden and Jim Murphy, and cornerback Kirk Brunson.

MOREHEAD STATE

The Eagles were one of football's Cinderella stories in 1986, coming from last place in the OVC to win their first six games before injuries contributed to a 7-4 season. The winning streak included one of the biggest comebacks in college football history, with Morehead rallying from a 35-3 half-time deficit to beat Wichita State, 36-35, on the road.

Unfortunately, the Eagles are missing some of their major miracle workers, including quarterback Adrian Breen. He played hurt most of the season but still threw for 2,301 yards and 16 touchdowns. Coach Bill Baldrige redshirted Chris Swartz and Lance Jansen and they will vie with transfer Allen Stein for quarterback. The Eagles also must replace five offensive linemen, including outstanding guard Billy Poe. "We think we can do that with the junior-college help and the kids we redshirted,"



Baldrige said. "Without some quick rebuilding, tailback D.D. Harrison will have a much harder time duplicating the 619 yards he gained on the ground, in addition to 35 pass receptions for 242 yards.

Defensively, Morehead should hold its own while the offensive gropes for experience. Seven starters return, including ends Keith Farrell and Jeff Hester, tackle Tony Sergeant, linebacker Jay Koehler, and backs John Mansfield and Mike Metcalf.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

If the law of averages is to come around, the Penguins could be the surprise team of the Ohio Valley. Last season Youngstown lost nine of 11 games, but six of those losses were by a touchdown or less and five were by three or fewer points.

Coach Jim Tressel begins his second season with six returning starters on both sides of the football. His quarterback, Trenton Lykes, is one of the conference's best, having completed 155 of 301 passes for 2,102 yards in 1986. The Penguins also have the bulk of their running game returning, led by leading rusher Rod Love (691 yards). Another tailback, Lorenzo Davis, was the team's top scorer and

second-leading rusher. Elliott Fedd offers experience at tight end, but there are some vacancies in the line.

Not particularly strong in the secondary last season, Youngstown State has strengthened itself there with the addition of Jerry Dunlap, a transfer from South Carolina. As a freshman, he led the nation in punt-return average. The hub of the defense will be linebacker Mike Peterson and his brother, Andre, a lineman. Dave Janofa also returns to the line and Larry Toles was a starter in the secondary.

Youngstown will withdraw from the Ohio Valley after this season.

AUSTIN PEAY

Coach Emory Hale faces a major challenge in replacing a defense depleted by graduation, especially the loss of four linebackers who accounted for 40 percent of the tackles.

Although tackle Darrell Bowie is gone, the front line still has tackles Scott Pope and Cameron Towles, the latter switching from nose guard. Junior-college transfer Pat Becker and freshman Kevin McClure will have to contribute. Five players return with experience in the secondary: Todd Herndon, Don Good, Ron Clark, Jerry Salley, and Rodney Bly.

Hale believes his tailback, Mike Lewis, may be the most complete back in the conference. He gained 1,032 yards in 209 attempts as a sophomore. He also led the team in pass receptions with 29. Quarterback Dale Edwards completed 50 percent of his passes, and the seven starters back on offense include tackle Roy Berkemeyer, guard Hugh Thomas, and center Mike Sliptchuk.

TENNESSEE TECH

When Jim Ragland took over as Tech coach last year, he all but sacrificed the 1986 season in an effort to rebuild a program in a shambles. Ragland redshirted six of his returning starters, including the entire offensive backfield. Obviously, the Golden Eagles were a bit thin in spots while enduring a winless campaign. But counting the returning redshirts, Ragland has 12 players who have started on offense and 10 on defense.

The veterans returning from the offseason include fullback Eddie Hayward, a 190-pounder who ran for 1,201 yards in 1985. Others are quarterback Patrick Pope, tailback Lorenza Rivers, wide receiver Terry Goodloe, cornerback Mike Brown, and linebacker Thomas Squires. The offensive line was deficient in '86, but all its members return. The best of the returning defenders are free safety Jimmy Isom and linebacker Bruce Hatfield.

mid-american conference

BOWLING GREEN

The Falcons struggled at times in 1986 after routing conference opposition the previous season. But coach Moe Ankney's club may simply have been cocking the trigger for a return to the top.

Bowling Green features 15 returning starters, eight on defense, where outside linebacker John Hunter and nose tackle Greg Johnson were all-league performers. Another outside linebacker, Joe Foley, made the MAC's second team, as did defensive back Kyle Kramer. Hunter was second in the league in tackles for losses. The Falcons were second in the Mid-American in total defense, but yielded more than 200 yards a game on the ground.

Bowling Green beat only lowly Ohio in its first four games and took solid beatings from Minnesota, Central Michigan, and Miami. The Falcons' defensive average also suffered in a 48-0 thrashing at Washington. But BGSU is like Tom Kite in a golf tournament, normally finishing near the top. The school hasn't been lower than second in the MAC in five years.

Much of the offensive load will fall upon quarterback Rick Dackin, tailback Jeff Davis, fullback Mike Otten, and wide receiver Ken Rankin. Dackin completed 59 percent of his passes and Davis was fifth in the league in rushing with 71 yards a game.

KENT STATE

The Golden Flashes were overachievers in 1986, being picked in the preseason media poll for ninth place and finishing instead in a tie for second. All of which was a feather in the cap of first-year coach Glen Mason, named the Mid-American Coach of the Year.

Now perhaps, Kent State will be taken seriously as it embarks on higher goals. Eighteen starters, the most in the league, return and only the tight end is missing from an offensive unit that features the '86 Freshman of the Year in quarterback Patrick Young. Although completing only 44 percent of his throws, the diminutive Young ranked sixth in the conference in rushing and seventh in total offense. He and tailback Eric Wilkerson were deemed the "Smurf Backfield" for Kent, with Wilkerson averaging 5.9 yards per carry.

Former Wisconsin head coach Jim Hillis has taken over as defensive coordinator, and



LORENZO DAVIS
Youngstown State

he has eight starters to work around. They include linebackers Tony Stephens and Tim Viscuso and cornerback Greg Wagner. His biggest replacements will be for Stuart Sims, a first-team all-MAC safety, and interior lineman Mike Percher and Matt Kinney.

MIAMI

Tradition is working against Miami because defending champions have been extinct in the MAC since Central Michigan won in 1979-80. Six different schools own championships in the last nine seasons. Complicating the situation for coach Tim Rose is the problem of replacing quarterback Terry Morris, probably with senior Mike Bates, and tailback George Swann. Morris led the MAC in passing efficiency while Swann was third in rushing, gaining 101 yards a game. Fullback Tom Graham also has departed.

The newcomers, however, will be able to run behind a veteran offensive line that includes center Shawn Reiley and tackle Matt Kemper. With less punch this year, Miami will rely more upon kicker Gary Gussman, who hit 15 of 19 field-goal attempts.

Andy Marlatt was a first-time all-MAC tackle and is among seven defensive starters back. Others include inside linebackers Jeff Anderson and Pete Mather and backs Todd Snyder and Sheldon White.

The defense will need to be better because few expect the Redskins to enjoy the offense they had with Morris, the league's Most Valuable Player. With him in control over two seasons, Miami had a 15-4-1 record.

BALL STATE

The Cardinals built a five-game winning streak midway through the '86 season before dropping from conference contention with three consecutive losses. An injury to quarterback Wade Kosakowski was a major factor in the dropoff. Coach Paul Schudel has 15 returning starters, including eight members of the MAC's top-rated defense. And Kosakowski's



JOHN HUNTER
Bowling Green

return will boost an offense that averaged a modest 15 points a game when he was missing and 25 the five previous outings.

Kosakowski's prime receivers will be tight end Ron Duncan, a first-team all-conference pick who has caught 87 passes for 924 yards and six touchdowns over three seasons, and split end Deon Chester, who had 38 catches last year. Three starters return in the line: center Ted Ashburn, guard Brian Outlaw, and tackle John Cunningham. Veterans in the backfield include quarterback David Riley and running backs Gary Grigsby, Brennen Baker, Morris Alexander, and Gene Richards.

Defensive stalwarts will be nose guard Mose Carter, end Avis Hines, linebacker Tim Walton, and backs Todd Finnell, Stanford Young, and Darryl Wesley.

Schudel must replace all-conference place-kicker John Dietrich, who had a 62-yarder among his 63 career field goals.

TOLEDO

After dropping their first two games, the Rockets roared back with seven wins in their last nine games. Coach Dan Simrell has a few missing cogs in the powertrain but can look to nine returning starters on offense and six on defense. Still, there are major vacancies, most noticeably tailback Kelvin Farmer and the 139 yards he rushed for each game. The workhorse back averaged 5.1 yards per carry to pick up 1,532 on the ground. Also gone is quarterback A.J. Sager, who threw sparingly but was successful 51 percent of the time.

The returnees on offense include tight end Tyler Burdick and outside receivers Hutchinson and Bob Wasczenski. There is adequate line experience in tackle Brian Hartong, center George Linberger, and twin-brother guards Todd and Tim Olsen.

Steve Huffman, a first-time all-MAC linebacker, will be the hub of Toledo's defense. The active, 225-pound senior was second in the conference in tackles with 14.2 per game. Tim Inglis, an all-conference linebacker, is gone and the entire starting secondary will be inexperienced.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

If nothing else, the law of averages says that Central Michigan is due for another league championship, a void at the school since back-to-back titles in 1979-80. Last year's '500 season isn't expected to be followed by the school's first losing season since 1964.

To ensure against that happening, coach Herb Deromedi has 56 lettermen and 16 starters back to build on a rich tradition. In his 10 seasons as coach, Deromedi has led the Chippewas to a 69-25-3 record, and he has a speedy backfield in place this year. Quarterback Marcelle Carruthers isn't a high-percentage passer, but he was fifth in total offense. He also handed off to tailback Rodney Stevenson enough for Stevenson to average 122 yards on the ground. Just 5-9 and 195 pounds, Stevenson was the only sophomore to make the all-MAC first team.

The Chippewas should provide more than adequate blocking for their backs with Duncan Hogg, Mike Dillon, and Ralph Newland in the offensive line. The eight returning starters on defense are led by linebackers Chris Wise, Mike Ryan, and Phil Sielinski and cornerback Howard Young.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Before losing to Miami in its season finale, EMU was a victory away from sharing the MAC title. Still, the 6-5 record coach Jim Harkema posted in his fifth year marked the Hurons' first winning mark since 1977.

Eastern Michigan, which won six of its first nine games, must replace two all-conference players: center Brett Petersmark and defensive back Mike Skiver. But the entire offensive backfield—quarterback Ron Adams, fullback Steve Palmateer, tailback Gary Patton, and wide receiver Don Vesling—is included among the 14 returning starters. Adams threw for 1,995 yards in '86 and Patton ran for 96 yards per game. And in Evan Hicks the Hurons have one of the conference's better offensive linemen. End Eric Miller is the stand-out on a defensive unit that also features tackles Phil Solatka and Mike Burns.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

The Broncos enter the new season on a positive note, based on a two-game winning streak at the end of 1986. And between the lines of a 3-8 record was a tough schedule that included a 49-17 loss to Temple and a 45-10 defeat at Michigan State. Even more impressive was a 27-17 win over league champion Miami in midseason.

New coach Al Molde, who was 32-15 in four seasons at Eastern Illinois, must replace six starters on offense. There are some positive signs, including the return of the two best running backs, Lewis Howard and Joe Glenn.

Things appear brighter on defense, where 10 regulars are back. The only loss from that unit was first-team all-MAC tackle Mark Galarczyk, and the principal returnee is the other tackle, senior Jim Kramer. There is linebacking strength from Eric Hoffman, Terry Lewis, and Joel Smeenge, and Chris Wagner and Denny Robinson are the best of the defensive backs. Wagner led the Mid-American in pass interceptions with seven. Not to be overlooked is place-kicker John Creek, who hit 10 of 15 field-goal attempts.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Ohio's 34-26 victory over Northern Illinois in the season finale kept the Bobcats from going oh-for-autumn. Still, the 0-8 conference mark and 1-10 record overall leaves room for modest goals. Ohio was competitive in four of its last five games, losing to Eastern Michigan by two points, to Toledo by three, and to Kent State by four.

The best of the returnees probably is senior running back Jesse Owens, who ran for 557 of the meager 724 yards Ohio gained on the ground. Coach Cleve Bryant has six starters back on offense and eight on defense. Besides Owens, the Bobcats are counting on quarterback Bruce Porter to throw to veterans Bobby Cameron, Cyle Feldman, and Jim Geisler. The defensive line features Brad O'Neil and Tom Kutz, the best of the linebackers appear to be Doug Mangen and John Parker, and the most experienced defensive back is Tom Gerhart.

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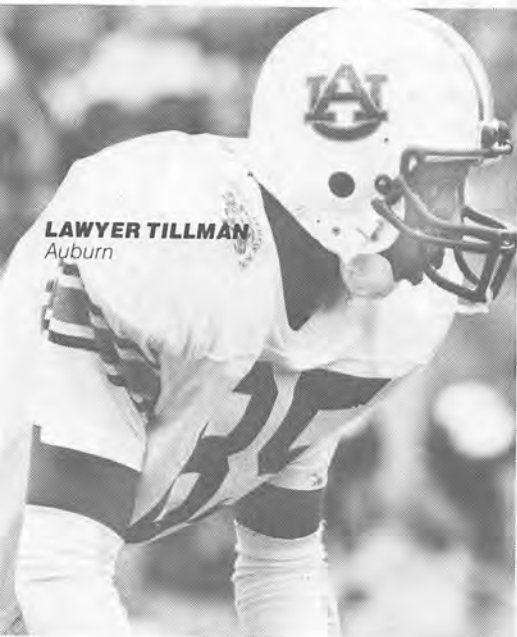
NASHVILLE BANNER

RICHARD ROSENBLATT

MIAMI NEWS

● They've put Bear Bryant's tower back up at Alabama. It may be the school's first step toward a return to the "good old days," when Bryant stood on that tower in the middle of the practice field and turned out teams that dominated the Southeastern Conference. Back then, Sugar Bowl trips were considered a standard feature of the Alabama schedule. But when Ray Perkins became head coach five seasons ago, he had the tower dismantled. Perkins did well (32-25-1), but no conference championships, no trips to New Orleans.

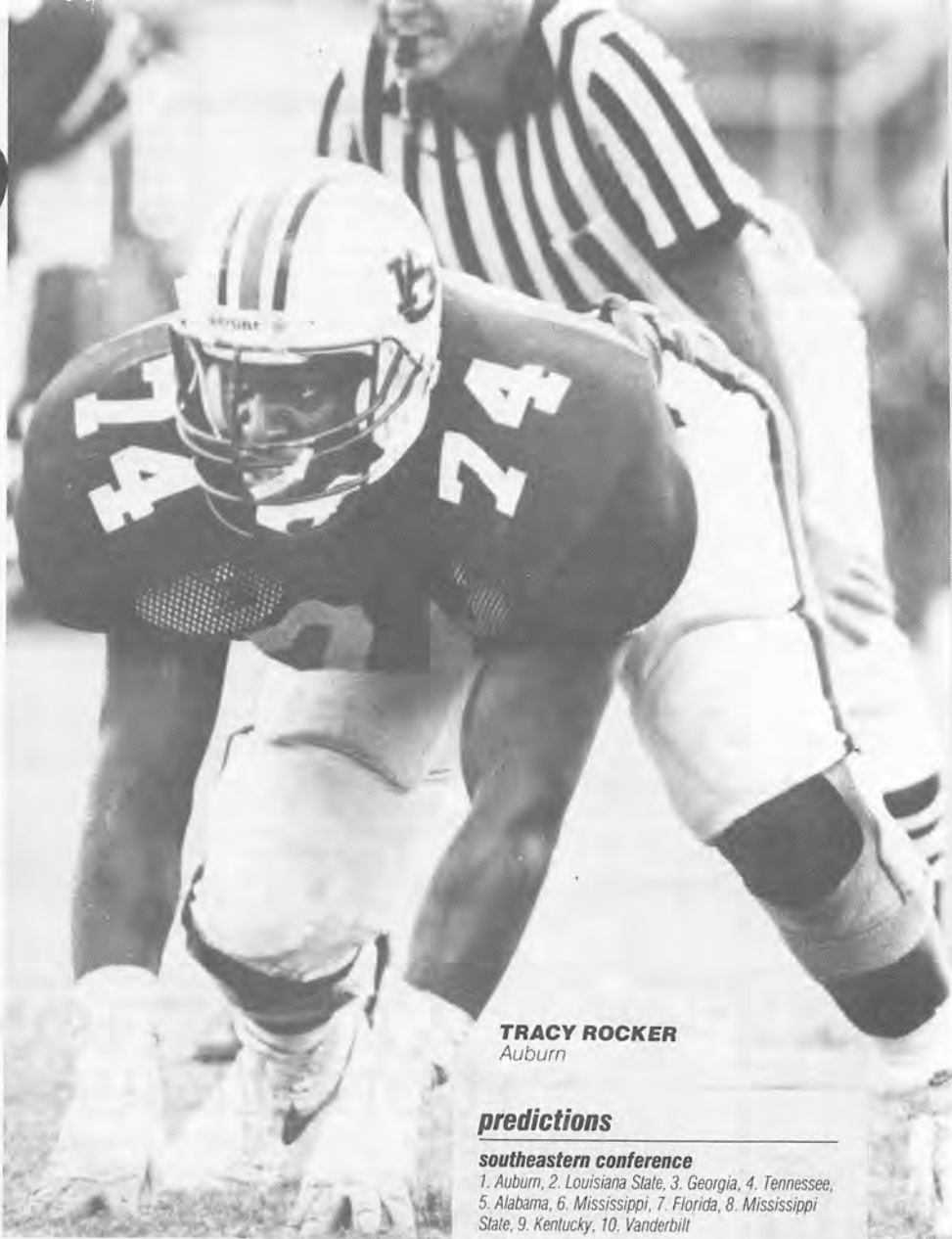
Today Perkins is gone and the storied tower is back. Bill Curry, the man who replaced Perkins, will stand on it now. Curry was not a popular choice, but then he really never has been. He was the last player Georgia Tech signed when he was a high school senior and the last player Green Bay selected during his class's draft. Many Crimson Tide fans wanted another former Alabama player—like Bryant or Perkins. Instead, they got a man who played and coached at Georgia Tech.



LAWYER TILLMAN
Auburn

"I've felt skepticism from some fans, love from others, a great sense of urgency from others, and hostility from a few," Curry told one reporter several months after taking the Alabama job.

Curry, 44, has proven he can do the job. Tech went 1-9-1 in 1980, its first season under him. In 1985 Tech was 9-2-1. It may not take



TRACY ROCKER
Auburn

Curry that long to get Alabama back into a Sugar Bowl game, but it probably won't be this season. Alabama has problems, some of which will be listed later. But many feel that Bill Curry's arrival means those good old days are right around the corner.

The other new head coach in the Southeastern Conference, Mike Archer, has a better chance of winning a championship in his first year in office. Archer takes over at Louisiana State for Bill Arnsparger, who guided the Tigers to an SEC title last season. Archer, who at 33 is the youngest head coach in major college football, has been on Arnsparger's staff the past three seasons.

Most likely, however, neither Curry's experience nor Archer's youth will be the story in the SEC this season. Auburn will be. Awesome Auburn. With a defense as strong as garlic. "They're solid all the way around," Ole Miss coach Billy Brewer told the Birmingham Post-Herald last spring. "Auburn has got just a lot of talent. They're returning most of their defense and most of their offense."

Pat Dye, entering his seventh year as Auburn's coach, doesn't like the role of favorite. "Some people have underestimated our schedule," Dye said. "Playing Tennessee in Knox-

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1. Auburn, 2. Louisiana State, 3. Georgia, 4. Tennessee, 5. Alabama, 6. Mississippi, 7. Florida, 8. Mississippi State, 9. Kentucky, 10. Vanderbilt

independents

1. Miami, 2. Florida State, 3. Tulane, 4. Tennessee State, 5. Southern Mississippi, 6. Georgia Southern, 7. Louisville, 8. Southwestern Louisiana, 9. Western Kentucky, 10. Memphis State

ville, Georgia in Athens, and having Florida State sandwiched in between Florida and Georgia—that ought to have been considered."

It was Auburn's the choice, coach.

As for the Southern Independents, Miami and Florida State once again have the class teams in the region.

The Hurricanes, the national runner-up after dropping a 14-10 decision to Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl, must replace their top gun, Vinny Testaverde, the 1986 Heisman Trophy winner and the NFL's No. 1 draft pick, who has signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. (With future pro football Hall of Famer Dan Marino rewriting the record book with the Miami Dolphins and All-America Kerwin Bell at the University of Florida, the Sunshine State has developed a monopoly on premier quarterbacks.) The Hurricanes also lost two other No. 1 picks to the NFL in running back Alonzo Highsmith and defensive tackle Jerome Brown. But with 14 returning starters, includ-

ing All-Americans in wide receiver Mike Irvin, defensive end Danny Stubbs, and free safety Bennie Blades, Miami will be in the running for another top 10 ranking.

Florida State earned its fifth consecutive postseason bid a year ago—and defeated Indiana, 28-14, in the All-American Bowl—and finished at 7-4-1. With 19 returning starters, the Seminoles will not only challenge Miami for bragging rights in the state, but will compete for the national championship.

Speaking of championships, Georgia Southern will try for an unprecedented third straight I-AA title, having beaten Arkansas State, 48-21, in last season's Diamond Bowl. But the Eagles will defend their crown without their miracle worker, quarterback Tracy Ham, now in the Canadian Football League.

southeastern conference

AUBURN

No surprise here. Everybody—coaches, writers, sports information directors—seems to agree Auburn will own the 1987 SEC championship. Even coach Pat Dye, who, like most coaches, hates the role of favorite, can find little reason to argue. There are all-stars everywhere. Nine defensive starters return to a team that finished 10-2, including a 16-7 victory over Southern Cal in the Citrus Bowl. Folks are wondering how much better the defense can get. Last season Auburn led the SEC in rushing defense and scoring defense (a mere 11 touchdowns in as many games) and was second in total defense.

The best of all those outstanding defenders are probably Aundray Bruce, Kurt Crain, and Tracy Rocker. Bruce (6-6, 228) may be the best outside linebacker in the area. He was all-SEC and the MVP in the Citrus Bowl. A big-play man, he led the team in fumbles caused and fumble recoveries and was third in tackles. Rocker (6-3, 258), a tackle, led the conference's down linemen in tackles as a freshman and was all-SEC last season. Dye says, "Tracy's kind of like his name—he's a rock you can depend on." Crain, who played at Mem-

burn's other tackle, 6-3, 260-pound Ron Stallworth, is a junior but may not be able to play this season because of knee surgery. Behind him is Nate Hill (6-5, 261), who was a part-time starter last season. The nose guard is Benji Roland (6-4, 267).

If there is a question it is in the secondary, where free safety Arthur Johnson and cornerback Chip Powell are gone and where strong safety Shan Morris must recover from knee surgery. The other corner is Kevin Porter, the leading tackler among the backs.

The offense lost five starters, including running backs Tommie Agee and Brent Fullwood and AP All-America center Ben Tamburello. However, there is enough returning to generate a couple of touchdowns a game, and with Auburn's defense, that's about all that should be needed. Jeff Burger, a competent if not outstanding senior, returns to quarterback. He'll be throwing to Lawyer Tillman (35 catches for 730 yards and six touchdowns). Walter Reeves, a 6-4, 242-pound junior tight end who is a fine blocker, is another of Burger's targets.

Tackle Stacy Searels (6-6, 270) is Auburn's best offensive lineman. Joining him are tackle Jim Thompson (6-6, 235), guards Vincent Jones (6-3, 240), Stacy Dunn, (6-5, 252), and center John Hudson (6-3, 245).

Fullback Reggie Ware will be the power runner, James Joseph the breakaway man at

tailback, although the position still is unsettled. Incoming freshman Harry Mose (6-0, 200) from Lake Wales, Fla., is said to have the talent to be an immediate contender.

Auburn may have the best punter in the SEC in Brian Shulman, who averaged 44.1 yards on 49 kicks as a sophomore last year. Chris Knapp, a senior, returns as the place-kicker. He made 10 of 19 field goals and all 49 PATs in '86.

Some new faces who may make an impact are transfer Jed Martin, who was SMU's fourth-leading rusher as a sophomore last year; David Rocker, Tracy's brother, a 6-4, 260-pound defensive lineman; and defensive back John Wiley.

Auburn's schedule is not easy. The Tigers have Florida, Florida State, Georgia (at Athens), and Alabama as their final four games and must play Tennessee at Knoxville. There are questions about the defensive backfield and consistency, but with all that size, experience, and talent, Auburn has to be the choice.

LOUISIANA STATE

Mike Archer, LSU's new head coach, grew up in State College, PA, right next door to Penn State coach Joe Paterno. Now, in 1987, Archer again moves next door to Paterno—on the hot seat. He inherits a veteran team that finished 9-3, won the SEC championship, and ended up tenth in the nation. LSU fans are expecting similar results this fall.

Archer shouldn't be too worried. There's talent all over the place and the schedule could be a lot tougher (Cal-Fullerton and Rice are his first two home games). His biggest job is filling defensive holes left by the departure of ends Roland Barbay and Karl Wilson, linebacker Roby Caston, and nose guard Henry Thomas—four of the best in the conference.

STACY SEARELS



1987 all-deep south team

offense

Quarterback . . . Kerwin Bell . SR . Florida
Running back . . . Bobby Humphrey . JR . Alabama
Running back . . . Lars Tate . SR . Georgia
Wide receiver . . . Wendell Davis . SR . LSU
Wide receiver . . . Michael Irvin . JR . Miami
Wide receiver . . . Marc Zeno . SR . Tulane
Wide receiver . . . J.R. Ambrose . SR . Mississippi
Tight end . . . Pat Carter . SR . Florida State
Tackle . . . Stacy Searels . SR . Auburn
Tackle . . . Pat Tomberlin . JR . Florida State
Guard . . . Eric Andolsek . SR . LSU
Guard . . . Harry Galbreath . SR . Tennessee
Center . . . Nacho Albergamo . SR . LSU
Place-kicker . . . Joe Worley . SR . Kentucky

defense

End . . . Aundray Bruce . SR . Auburn
End . . . Dan Stubbs . SR . Miami
Tackle . . . Tracy Rocker . JR . Auburn
Tackle . . . Mark Hovanic . JR . Tennessee
Linebacker . . . George Mira . SR . Miami
Linebacker . . . John Brantley . SR . Georgia
Linebacker . . . Kurt Crain . SR . Auburn
Linebacker . . . Jeff Herrod . SR . Mississippi
Linebacker . . . Paul McGowan . SR . Florida State
Back . . . Bennie Blades . SR . Miami
Back . . . Deion Sanders . JR . Florida State
Back . . . Kermit Kendrick . JR . Alabama
Back . . . Jarvis Williams . SR . Florida
Punter . . . Brian Shulman . JR . Auburn

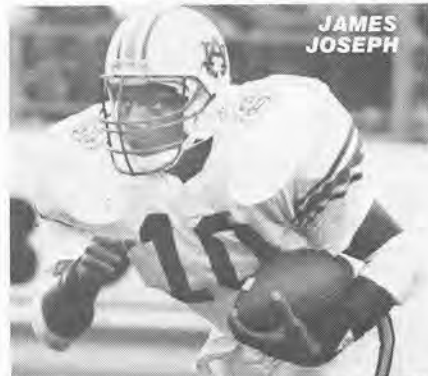
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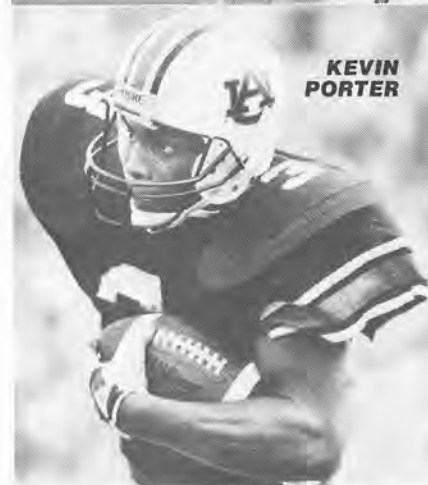
phis State two seasons before transferring to Auburn, is a 6-2, 210-pound senior inside linebacker. Last year, his first playing for Auburn, he set a school record for tackles in a single season (156) and a single game (26 against Georgia). He is the inspirational leader.

The other two linebackers are Edward Phillips (6-2, 235) and Brian Smith (6-6, 240). Au-

JAMES
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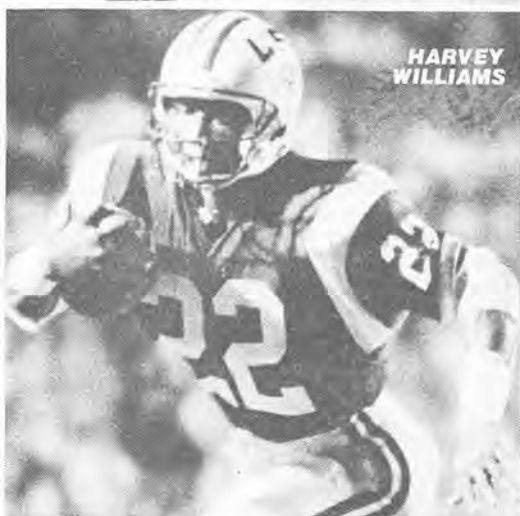


KEVIN
PORTER





WENDELL DAVIS
Louisiana State



HARVEY WILLIAMS



ERIC ANDOLSEK

Archer hopes to replace them with nose guard Darrell Malbrough, and either Tommy Clapp (6-4, 255), Clint James (6-6, 250), or Karl Dunbar (6-4, 262) at ends.

Despite the play of strong safety Greg Jackson, LSU's secondary had problems. The Tiggers were next to the bottom of the SEC in pass defense. The trouble could have been inexperience, an excuse that won't hold this season because all four starters (Jackson, cornerbacks Kevin Guidry and James Pier-son, and weak safety Chris Carrier) return. Jackson was an immediate hit in '86. In his first start, he had 11 tackles and 2 interceptions. Then, in LSU's victory over Alabama, he had eight tackles, an interception, and a fumble recovery.

The strength of the defense is the linebacking, where Ron Sancho, Eric Hill, Nicky Hazard, and Darren Malbrough line up. All but Malbrough started last season. Hill could be one of the best in the conference.

While the defense is thin in spots and inexperienced in others, the offense is just the opposite. Starting with Wendell Davis, there are standouts everywhere. Davis, an All-America last season, set four school records at wide receiver. He was third in the nation with 7.2 catches a game. He led the nation in yardage (1,244) and his 11 touchdown receptions tied him for first. He had 14 catches against Ole Miss and 80 for the season. Another fine receiver is all-SEC tight end Brian Kinchen. Rogie Magee returns at flanker. The receivers again will team with quarterback Tommy Hodson, who finished the season as the most prolific freshman in the school's history. He was AP's all-SEC quarterback and was the top-rated freshman in NCAA statistics at that position. He completed 175 of 288 for 2,261 yards and 19 touchdowns.

LSU has an outstanding line to protect Hodson. Eric Andolsek, a 6-2, 275-pound senior guard, is the leader. A two-year starter, he is all-SEC and third-team All-America. Just behind him is center senior Nacho Albergamo (6-2, 257), a second-team academic All-America. Tackle Ralph Norwood (6-7, 264) returns. Two sophomores, tackle Jim Hubicz (6-4, 252) and guard Ruffin Rodrigue (6-1, 253), move up to start.

LSU lacks a big, experienced power runner, but Sam Martin (556 yards) and Harvey Williams (700) return. Archer has toyed with the idea of using Andolsek as a fullback in certain situations (à la the Chicago Bears' "Refrigerator" Perry).

The kicking is solid with returnees David Browndyke and Matt DeFrank. DeFrank had 46 punts for a 42.0-yard average last year, including a 71-yarder against Florida.

LSU had an outstanding recruiting effort: linebacker Joe Brown, cornerback Shannon Citizen, tailback Karl Jones, and defensive linemen Mickey Miller and Torun Robinson.

It's tough for a new coach to win the first time out, especially in the SEC, but if anyone is going to finish ahead of Auburn, Archer and his Tigers have the best shot.

GEORGIA

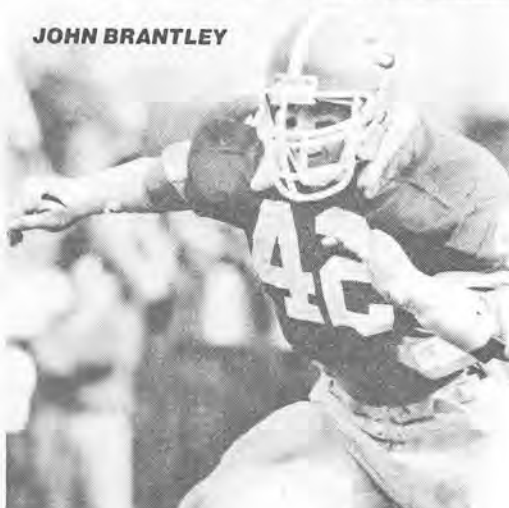
Before the 1986 season began, many were saying Georgia was a year away from being an SEC contender. The Bulldogs arrived quicker than expected. Despite key injuries, Georgia finished 8-3 before losing to Boston College in the Hall of Fame Bowl. This season the Dogs should do even better.

The offense, which was second in the conference in rushing, has just about everybody back. That includes Lars Tate, one of the most versatile backs in Georgia history, quarterback James Jackson, both guards, and the center. Tate, a 6-2, 209-pound senior, was the first Georgia player in modern history to lead the team in rushing (954 yards), receiving (22 catches for 214 yards), and scoring (102 points). He's also a fine blocker. One of two Jacksons, Randy and Kevin, probably will replace fullback David McCluskey. Sophomore Hiawatha Berry moved from defense to fullback during spring drills.

Jackson has loads of experience and may be the finest running quarterback in the conference now that Mississippi State's Don Smith is gone. The two-year starter was third in the SEC in total offense with 410 yards rushing and 1,475 more passing. Just how good a passer Jackson is really cannot be determined because coach Vince Dooley seldom lets him pass. Georgia threw less (201) than any other team in the conference. Dooley's



LARS TATE
Georgia



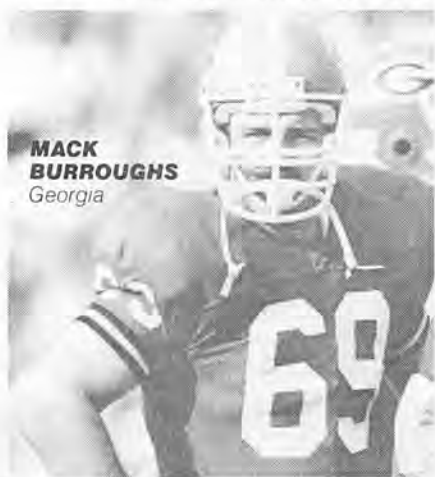
JOHN BRANTLEY

disdain for the pass also means flanker Cassius Osborn, tight end Troy Sadowski, and split end John Thomas, all returnees, can look forward to another season of blocking, blocking, blocking.

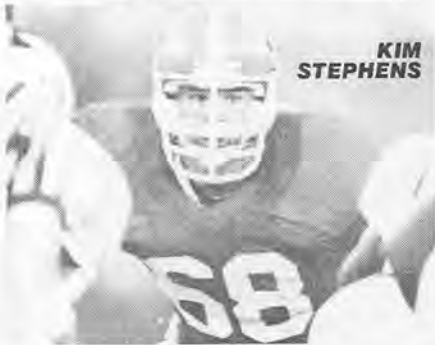
Georgia has as fine a pair of guards as there is in the SEC. Kim Stephens (6-2, 251) and Mack Burroughs (6-3, 276) each have started over 30 games. Todd Wheeler (6-3,

254) returns to center. Replacing tackles Victor Perry and Wilbur Strozier is the problem. The top candidates are Shelley Anderson (6-2, 272), Chris Warren (6-6, 257), and Scott Adams (6-6, 260). Anderson played last season at SMU and could be a big help.

The defense is led by John "Rambo" Brantley, a 6-2, 226-pound senior linebacker who was Associated Press All-America honorable mention. He had 160 tackles, four sacks, and



**MACK
BURROUGHS**
Georgia



**KIM
STEPHENS**

two interceptions. The line is experienced with tackle Tyrone McClendon (6-4, 251), guard Larry Brown (6-3, 255), and end Aaron Chubb (6-4, 210). Other returning starters are linebacker Vince Guthrie, cornerback Greg Williams, and rover Will Jones. One big problem last year was in secondary, which was burned for big plays and was last in the SEC in pass defense. Dooley has found immediate help in Mark Vincent, another transfer from SMU, where he was a two-year starter.

Kicking could become a problem if punter Cris Carpenter decides to follow professional baseball. Place-kicker Steve Crumley, a junior, twice kicked four field goals in a game last year, but was inconsistent at other times. John Kasey, a freshman, is good enough to challenge Crumley for the job.

Besides Kasey and the two SMU transfers, there are four freshman running backs who could offer immediate help: Brian Cleveland, Alphonso Ellis, Larry Ware, and Rodney Hampton. The new arrivals may be critical. Dooley needs depth at running back and a strong secondary to go with a solid defensive line and linebacking corps.

As is usually the case, Georgia's schedule is not one to cause nightmares. The two most important games (LSU and Auburn) are at home. If the new players help and if Carpenter decides to forego baseball, Georgia may just win the title—even if Dooley doesn't pass.

TENNESSEE

Johnny Majors's Vols continue to be something of a mystery team. In 1985, UT surprised most everyone by winning the SEC, then upsetting Miami in the Sugar Bowl. Projected by many as a contender in '86, UT was 2-5 then won its last five, including the Liberty Bowl over Minnesota. Perhaps the key was quarterback Jeff Francis, who replaced Tony Robinson. Many believe that as he improved, so did the team. Francis, who wasn't even assured of starting when the season began, finished 1986 as the NCAA's No. 7 passer and the MVP of the Liberty Bowl. A poised, confident Francis should give the Vols a solid start.

The UT offense did lose five starters, including both tackles and its best receiver, but Majors has a solid block to build on. The line has two outstanding senior guards, John Bruhin (6-3, 285) and Harry Galbreath (6-1, 267), and center Todd Kirk (6-2, 257) returning. The tackles will be Phil Stuart (6-4, 261) and Kevin Simons (6-3, 271), although both can hear 300-pound redshirt freshman Antone Davis thundering behind them.

Although UT's leading receiver, Joey Clinkscales, is gone, the Vols have their usual crop of outstanding catchers. Anthony Miller will be at split end, Nate Middlebrooks at tight end, and Thomas Woods and Alvin Harper will share wingback. Miller, who will join a UT wide-receiver list that includes the NFL's Tim McGee, Willie Gault, Anthony Hancock, and Stanley Morgan, had 36 catches (18.5). Majors calls him "potentially as exciting as anybody in college football." With the talent at receiver and Francis's dramatic improvement, the Vols are toying with the idea of four wideouts—an idea other SEC coaches pray Majors will discard. Francis, a 6-3, 208-pound junior, completed 150 of 233 passes for 64.4 percent and had just nine intercepted.

The running backs are solid with William Howard returning to fullback and either Keith Davis or Charles Wilson at tailback. Howard was the SEC's third-leading rusher with 98.4 yards a game. If Davis, a junior, can return to the form he had before injuring a knee in last season's opener, he'll be UT's breakaway threat. The versatile Wilson has also played fullback. Reggie Cobb is a new name to watch at tailback.

Defense, another reason UT stood 2-5 in late October, is the biggest mystery on this team. The Vols were first in pass defense but eighth in rushing defense and total defense. Inside linebacking could be the unit's strongest aspect. Kelly Ziegler, last season's leading tackler, and Darrin Miller, a three-year starter, are back. Behind them is Keith DeLong, who has played well as a spot starter. Gone is outside linebacker and big-play man Dale Jones and in his place are Tracy Hayworth, Bryan Kimbro, and Charles Kimbrough.

In the line, the leaders are nose guard Brian Hunt (6-1, 262) and tackle Mark Hovanic (6-3, 249). Hunt led the linemen in tackles. Hovanic had six quarterback sacks despite playing much of the season with a shoulder injury which required surgery in December. Sophomore Marion Hobby (6-3, 253) probably will be the other tackle.

The cornerbacks are solid with Victor Peppers and Terry McDaniel, but the safeties are untested. Sophomore Cedric Kline and Kelly Days, a redshirt freshman, are listed at the

safety spots. The situation could improve if senior Andre Creamer were to return. A sometimes starter since he was a freshman, Creamer was dropped from the team in the spring and no indication was given if he would be allowed to return.

Bobby Garmon is in his third season as the Vols' punter. He averaged 42.1 yards on 43 kicks. The Reveiz place-kicking era at Tennessee is over. First there was Fuad and then brother Carlos. Now there are three candidates trying to take Carlos's place.

Tennessee easily could be the flop or the surprise of 1987. The defensive secondary is thin, there is inexperience at outside linebacker, and the place-kicking is uncertain. But the feeling is that the Vols just might be a lot better than most people expect.

ALABAMA

No other team in the conference lost as much as Alabama: 13 starters, one of the best place-kickers in the nation, and its head football coach. Included on that list is All-America linebacker Cornelius Bennett, quarterback Mike Shula, cornerback Freddie Robinson, and place-kicker Van Tiffin. Coach Ray Perkins's defection to the NFL was cheered by some Alabama fans who were disappointed with the Tide's 10-3 season. Perkins had been criticized for his conservatism on offense and a personality that some say was much too



ANTHONY MILLER
Tennessee

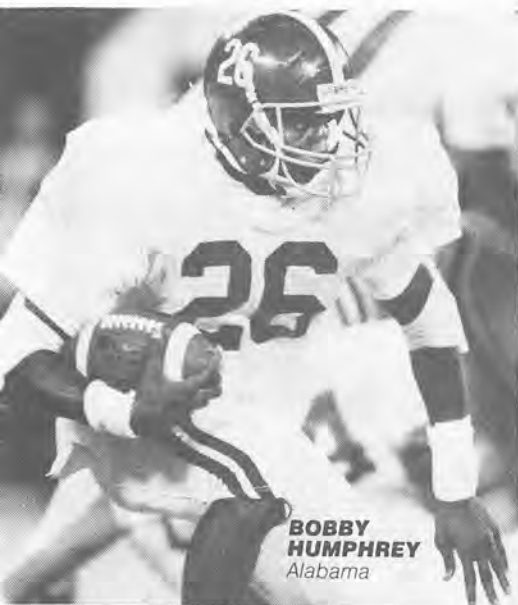
businesslike. However, the arrival of Bill Curry, who played at Georgia Tech and not Alabama, was not cheered by all. Many teams, faced with a situation such as this, would be bracing themselves for a visit to the conference basement. Not Alabama. The winning tradition is too strong and there have been too many good recruiting years.

The offensive line remains strong with only the departure of center Wes Neighbors a considerable loss. Larry Rose (6-4, 273) has been a two-year starter and one of the SEC's top guards. The other guard may be Bill Condon (6-3, 265), a senior and all-SEC performer. Condon injured a knee in spring drills that required surgery. He is uncertain. John Fruhmorgen (290) may fill in for him. Joe King (6-7, 309), who started last year, will be at one tackle and Jeff Bentley (6-5, 273) at the other. Mike Zuga (6-2, 263) will be the center, although

he'll be challenged by Archie Fairley, a 283-pound soph transfer from SMU.

Flanker Clay Whitehurst probably will replace Greg Richardson and Albert Bell as Bama's top receiver. Marco Battle, Angelo Stafford (6-6, 213), and Greg Payne are the other receivers. Alabama is booming tailback Bobby Humphrey for a Heisman Trophy. The 6-1, 187-pound junior had three games of 200 yards or more last season and set a school record with 284 yards against Mississippi State. Behind Humphrey is Kerry Goode, who had an excellent spring after being slowed in 1986 by the aftereffects of a knee injury. The Tide had two fine blocking fullbacks in Doug Allen and Bo Wright. Apparently David Smith, a walk-on three years ago, has taken Shula's spot at quarterback. Behind Smith are Vince Sutton, Jeff Dunn, and Billy Ray.

Defensively, Curry's biggest problem is a line which lost every starter. The replacements are Willie Wyatt (6-1, 255) at nose guard, Tommy Cole (6-2, 250) or Derrick Rushton (6-3, 246) at tackle, and Anthony Smith (6-5, 247) or Lydell Mitchell (6-3, 237) at end.



BOBBY HUMPHREY
Alabama



BILL CONDON

Of course, no one will replace Lombardi Award winner Cornelius Bennett, but Derrick Thomas will play in Bennett's spot. Randy Rockwell and Greg Gilbert return at linebacker—two of the three returning defensive starters. Rockwell has played in 33 games while Gilbert led the Tide in tackles, including 18 against Penn State. Another linebacker, Van-

treise Davis, who, as a freshman last season, started in Alabama's opener against Ohio State, could become one of the team's big-play performers.

Junior Kermit Kendrick, the third returning starter, will be at free safety. Gene Jelks, the second-leading rusher in 1986 and the team's best athlete, has been moved to cornerback and was impressive there during the spring. John Mangum will be at the other corner while Lee Ozmint will be the fourth starter.



JEFF HERROD
Mississippi

Chris Mohr (42.3 yards on 46 kicks) returns as punter. Alan Ward and Philip Doyle will compete for the place-kicking job.

Some new players could make an impact, especially defensive linemen Steve Webb and Russ McCullough and kick returner Pierre Goode. Along with the problems of losing 13 starters and having to adjust to a new coach, Alabama plays perhaps the toughest schedule in the SEC (at Penn State, at Notre Dame, at LSU). No one, however, is willing to place the Tide too far down the list. After all, Alabama is Alabama.

MISSISSIPPI

The SEC's surprise team of 1986, Ole Miss, picked last by some (including us), came within a game of a Sugar Bowl trip. Those who believed last year's 7-3-1 effort was a fluke are going to be surprised again this season. Ole Miss could do just as well... maybe better.

The Rebels have nine starters returning to a unit that was No. 1 in the SEC in total defense. Senior Jeff Herrod (6-1, 240), who may be the best linebacker in the conference, caused two fumbles, recovered two, and had an interception. The other linebacker is Robert Smith.

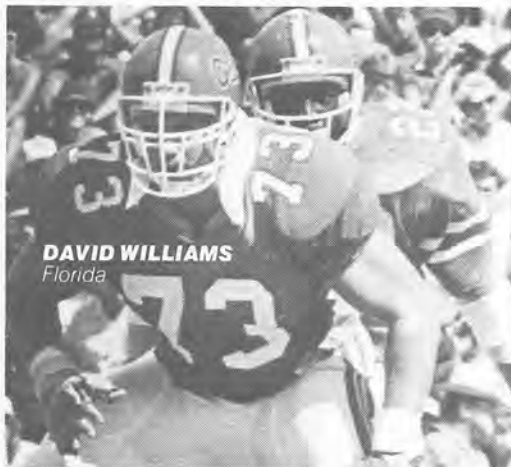
The line returns both ends, a tackle, and nose guard. The ends, both juniors, are Wesley Walls (6-2, 240) and Lopaz Jones (6-5, 235). Darryl Smith (6-0, 230), who started as a freshman last year, is the nose tackle. Lester Binkley (6-5, 250), a backup last season, moves into the other tackle spot. Sophomore Don Price and junior Stevon Moore will be back at the corners while senior Howard Moss returns to strong safety. Moore, all-SEC, broke up 13 passes last season. The new man in the backfield is free safety Derrick Lindsay.

The fact that the offense has almost all its

starters returning probably does not strike fear in the hearts of many coaches. Statistically, the Rebels had the worst offense in the league last year (tenth in total offense, averaging only 302.9 yards a game). However, those statistics may be deceiving. The Rebels scored 21 points at LSU, 24 against Mississippi State, and 20 against Texas Tech (in the Independence Bowl) to finish the season.

Mark Young, a junior who completed 87 of 178 passes for 1,154 yards and eight touchdowns, is still developing and could become one of the SEC's better quarterbacks. He has senior wide receiver J. R. Ambrose to throw to. Ambrose's 32 catches for 578 yards placed him No. 7 in the conference. Seniors Joe Mickles is back at fullback and Willie Goodloe returns to tailback. Goodloe led the team in rushing with 526 yards. New faces in the offense are Greg Lee at tight end and Willie Green at wide receiver.

Tackle Todd Irvin (6-6, 288), a two-year starter, heads the offensive line. With him are tackle Jay Schimmel (6-5, 252), center Rob Goff (6-2, 250), and guards Rich Adamcik (6-4, 258) and Derek King (6-2, 275).



DAVID WILLIAMS
Florida

Ole Miss lost one of its biggest weapons in Bill Smith, an outstanding punter who could turn the field around. Kevin Hurt takes his spot. Place-kicking will be done by Bryan Owen, who had four field goals against Kentucky and led the team in points (52).

Coach Billy Brewer still could use more depth and offensive punch, but an excellent defense and a schedule that holds very few land mines should help the Rebels continue up their improving path.

FLORIDA

Ironically, it is Kerwin Bell, not even offered a scholarship to come to Florida, who is now paying so dearly for the school's recruiting crimes. Bell, a walk-on quarterback who shot to stardom in his freshman season, can only imagine what things might be like had the NCAA not punished the Gators by limiting their scholarships. The Gators were 18-2-2 during Bell's first two seasons. Then the NCAA choked the recruiting pipeline and the glut of talent has slowed to a trickle. Last year, Florida dropped to 6-5. This year could be worse. The defense lost five starters, the offense four, and depth is a real problem.

There is Bell, however. One of the nation's premier quarterbacks, the 6-3, 205-pound senior finished in the top four of the NCAA's passing efficiency in 1984 and '85. His favor-



Kerwin

Bell There was a time when Kerwin Bell's phone never rang. When he was a senior in high school, the thing might as well have been disconnected. There he was: 6-foot-3, 210 pounds, a two-year all-state quarterback. And the phone didn't ring. What made it worse was that he lived in Florida, Florida! A state where high school football talent is as treasured as the orange crop.

His team had won the state championship when he was a junior, then went 9-3 the following year. His grades were great. So where were the calls? Where were the letters? What happened to all those big-name college coaches who come sit in your living room and smile at your mom and joke with your dad? What happened to all those fun recruiting trips to the famous campuses with the good-looking coeds, great steak dinners, and a sideline spot for Saturday's big game?

"I thought for sure someone would want to sign me," Bell recalled this summer as he sat in the athletic complex at the University of Florida, where his phone now rings constantly. "But no one offered. Valdosta State made me a scholarship offer, but they pulled it—changed their minds." It's ironic, now that Bell is a senior and a serious contender for the Heisman Trophy.

"I don't know why I wasn't wanted," he said. "I think they thought the competition we played was suspect. We were only Class A. We didn't get much publicity." Yes, somehow they forgot good old Mayo-Lafayette High School. The writers, the coaches, everybody. So Kerwin Bell decided to try out at Florida.

"Florida was only about 60 miles from home, and they told me they liked me," Bell said. "They said I was number 33 on their list and, of course, they could only sign 30. They said they were interested but I'd have to pay my way until I proved I could play for them."

That was in 1983. When fall drills began, Bell was the number eight quarterback on the Gators' depth chart. The other seven had scholarships. He played on the scout team and loved it.

"I wanted to play major-college football and this was the first step," he said. "I was happy as I could be. I got a thrill out of just going out there and practicing."

When fall drills began the next season, he was still a walk-on. Number five on the depth chart. But he had impressed the coaches. "They told me they knew I would help the team eventually, that I had a future and probably could earn a scholarship," Bell recalled. "Then one of the other four

dropped out of school because of grade problems."

The week before the Gators' first game, Bell had moved up to number two. "Tuesday, the week of our opener against Miami, we were working out in shorts and someone fell on [No. 1 quarterback] Dale Dorminey's leg," Bell related. "When it happened I didn't think it was serious. [Later] I was in the cafeteria getting ready to eat and coach walked up and gave me one of those little grins. He said Dale had messed up his knee pretty bad and I would start against Miami. I remember I was hungry as I could be and had just gotten my food when he told me. After he said that, I couldn't even eat."

The huge jump would take anyone's appetite away: from eighth-string walk-on to starting quarterback against the defending national champions in one year. Against Miami, Bell threw 30 passes and completed 15. One was a five-yard touchdown toss that gave the Gators a 20-19 lead with 41 seconds left. It wasn't a perfect start—Miami came back to win—but Kerwin Bell had arrived. The Gators didn't lose another game that season. He was the hottest freshman in the land. Nationally, only three quarterbacks had better stats: Boston College's Doug Flutie, Brigham Young's Robbie Bosco, and Miami's Bernie Kosar.

Now Bell's phone doesn't stop ringing. Everyone wants to talk to the Heisman contender. "I can tell it's going to be more hectic for me this year," he said. "But how can I complain? Sure, I think about the Heisman. I dream about it. Wouldn't it be any football player's dream? I just can't let it carry over on the field. The team really is the most important thing."

A football hero who puts the team first, is a B student who will graduate this winter and speaks to youth groups, Bell is almost too good to be true.

"He really is an All-American story, a sports information director's dream," says John Humenik, who should know since he is Florida's SID.

And there's more. "Kerwin's very serious about this," Humenik said. "He feels he has a personal obligation to make people feel a little better about college athletes."

"The way the world is today, people need to hear the good things," Bell said. "I talk about the good things that have happened to me. I tell people to keep their eyes on their dreams in life and not to let people talk them out of them. I kept my eye on a dream—to play major-college football—and I made it. Others can too."

Bob Phillips

ite receivers, Ricky Nattiel and Erick Hodges, are gone. In their place are two sophomores, Stacey Simmons, who moves from running back, and Tony Lomack, who missed much of last season because of a broken arm. Mark McGriff is back at tight end. One place Florida does have depth is at running back, where Anthony Williams, Wayne Williams, James Massey, and Octavius Gould all return.

Two starters are missing from the offensive line, but the guards, senior Bob Sims (6-5, 267) and junior Charlie Wright (6-5, 267), return along with tackle David Williams, a 6-6, 290-pound junior. The talented Williams has started 22 consecutive games. At the other tackle will be Jimmy Davis (6-6, 279), who was a spot starter at guard. Center is a battle between junior Tracy Daniels (6-1, 245) and red-shirt freshman Chris Bromley (6-4, 245).

Clifford Charlton, one of the SEC's top outside linebackers, and Jarvis Williams will carry much of the defensive load. Charlton, a 6-3, 232-pound senior, had 121 tackles last season. Williams, an all-SEC cornerback, will move to strong safety. Ricky Mulberry, who played behind Williams in '86, will start at one corner with sophomore Tony Jones at the other. Louis Oliver, a junior, returns to free safety. The new starters at inside linebacker are Pat Moore and Todd Gatlin. The other linebacker is Jason Lamberth. Jeff Roach (6-4, 250) returns to nose guard while Rhondy Weston (6-5, 255) is back at tackle. Senior Henry Brown (6-3, 242), a sometime starter last season, will be the other tackle. Sophomore punter Jamie McAndrew (38.2 average) returns, but place-kicker is unsettled.

With the ranks so thin, coach Galen Hall will be using a number of new players. The best of that crop are Glenn Neeley (6-4, 275), Mike Brandon (6-4, 245), Brad Culpepper (6-3, 255), and Steve Scroggins (6-3, 260)—all defensive linemen—and highly publicized running back Emmitt Smith.

At some positions Florida is as good as anybody, but the depth problem is acute and the schedule a killer (at Auburn, Alabama, LSU, Miami, and Georgia at Jacksonville). Hall might be happy to settle for another 6-5 mark.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

In his first season, Rockey Felker got the Bulldogs off to a 6-1 start, then ran into Auburn, Alabama, LSU, and Ole Miss and finished 6-5. It may be even tougher the second time around. Felker lost Don Smith, perhaps the most valuable player in the South last year. Smith led the SEC in total offense, was fifth in rushing, and passed for ten touchdowns.

The race for Smith's job is close, but apparently Mike Davis, a 6-2 sophomore, is leading. Behind him are Albert Williams and Eric Underwood. MSU will count on senior tailback Rodney Peters (367 yards in 84 carries) for its running and junior flanker Fred Hadley (28 catches for 529 yards) for its receiving. Three-year starting guard Stan Sims (6-3, 260) leads a veteran line. Also returning are guard Durward Minor (6-2, 260), center Tom Goode (6-1, 240), and tackle Harold Rials (6-4, 260). Heath Jackson (6-2, 220) returns to tight end.

To help fill some gaps in the offense, Felker has moved Jesse Anderson, a 6-3, 228-pound sophomore, from linebacker to tight end and Gary Frank, a 6-3, 290-pound senior, from nose guard to tackle. Both drew starting assignments last season. Another new face in the offensive lineup is David Fair, a 6-2, 228-pound sophomore running back who was ineligible in 1986. Fair is considered one of the top young backs in the conference.

The defense will be led by a strong crew of linebackers: Cedric Corse, Darren Martin, Dwayne King, and Jerry Leggett. Corse led the team in tackles and knocked down four passes. Free safety Asa Bennett returns to the backfield, but the Bullies will be without both starting cornerbacks and the strong safety from last year's unit, which was third in the SEC in pass defense but last in rushing defense and ninth in total defense. Both starting tackles, Anthony Butts (6-5, 270) and Michael Simmons (6-6, 245), return.

Tommy Parks, who did the punting last season as a freshman (39.8 average), is back. Incoming frosh Joel Logan may be the man to fill the place-kicking job left by Artie Cosby. Other new names to watch are cornerback Bernard McCullough, fullback Jerrod Young, and lineman John Heidreich (6-7, 280).

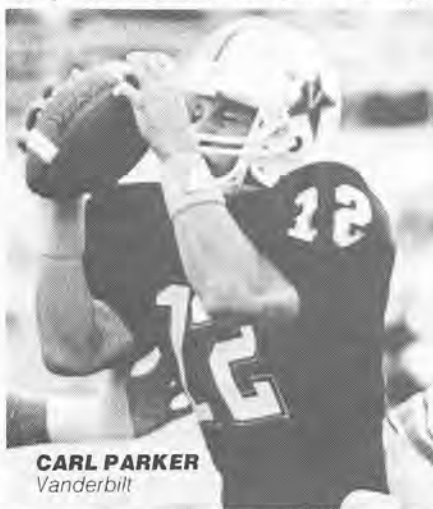
Although four of MSU's first five games are at home, it is hard to imagine the team getting off to another 6-1 start. The offense won't be

as good without Smith and there is the dreadful finish on the schedule (Auburn, Alabama, LSU, and Ole Miss). The Bulldogs will be doing well to duplicate last year's record.

KENTUCKY

After a delicious 9-3 season in 1984, things have turned sour for Jerry Claiborne. Kentucky went 5-6 in 1985 and 5-5-1 last season. To get out of the rut this year Claiborne must rely on untested players, especially on offense, where seven starters are gone, including quarterback Bill Ransdell.

Glenn Fohr, a junior-college transfer from Hudson Valley College in New York, apparently has taken over the quarterback spot.



CARL PARKER
Vanderbilt

The 6-2, 210-pounder has a strong arm. Behind him is Kevin Dooley. There are some excellent running backs in Ivy Joe Hunter, a 212-pound senior who led the team in rushing with 621 yards in 103 carries, and Mark Higgs, who had 527 yards rushing and 182 receiving. Al Baker, a highly recruited freshman who missed all but two games last season with an ankle injury, joins freshman Andy Murray as strong backups. Both starting wide receivers and the tight end are gone.

Guards Brad Myers (6-2, 271) and Dermonti Dawson (6-2, 253) and tackle Greg Kunkel (6-5, 275) are the only starters back on the offensive line. Kunkel was considered the team's top lineman in 1986.

The defense is in better shape with seven starters returning, including Chris Chenault (6-2, 233), one of the SEC's better linebackers. Both tackles, Jerry Reese (6-1, 259) and John Shannon (6-3, 263), guard Vic Adams (6-1, 266), and end Carwell Gardner (6-2, 213) return. Ron Robinson, who started as a freshman and had 63 tackles, caused a fumble, and recovered three last year, returns to safety. David Johnson is back at cornerback.

The Cats' biggest weapon is Joe Worley, the SEC's top place-kicker. He had four field goals in each of three different games last season. Punter Jeff Nelson, a junior with a 40.2 average on 41 kicks, also returns.

Claiborne did not have a good recruiting season, although he did sign Fohr. Two prospects to watch are tight end Mike Meece and linebacker Randy Holleran. With visits to LSU, Georgia, and Florida heading a schedule that also includes Tennessee and Ole Miss, SEC victories may be hard to come by for the Cats. Basketball may be even more welcome than usual at Kentucky in 1987.

VANDERBILT

It may be hard to tell by looking at the standings, but Vanderbilt will be better this season. Of course, it shouldn't take much for the Commodores to improve on a 1-10 mark.

The good news is that nine defensive starters return, including all the linebackers and backs. The bad news is that last year's team was last in total defense, last in scoring defense, and ninth in rushing defense. Second-year coach Watson Brown hopes to help things a little by changing his scheme from an even to an odd front. The plan is to give opponents a different look on every play.

The best of the returnees may be Chris Gaines, a senior linebacker who led the team in tackles. The other starting inside linebacker is junior Bob Scanlan. DeMond Winston, a starting linebacker last season, will play end while Renford Reese, a freshman reserve a year ago, has taken the starting outside linebacker spot. The veteran backfield includes senior cornerbacks Allan Roman and Torrey Price, free safety Andy Baker, and strong safety Joe Gentry. The tackles will be Chuck DeGroot (6-3, 270) and David Wurm (6-2, 265). The nose guard is soph Doug Bradley (6-2, 217).

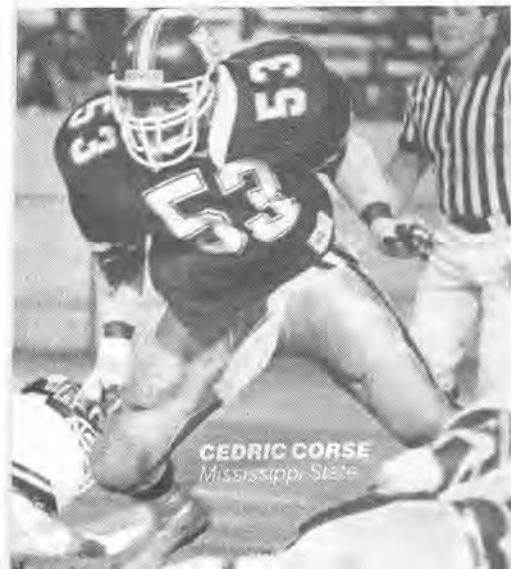


BOO MITCHELL

The offense, with seven starters returning, seems more settled and balanced. Eric Jones, a junior, apparently has taken over a quarterback job that was held by several different people last season. He hit 30 of 72 passes but had eight intercepted and is a strong runner (308 yards). Everett Crawford, the team's second-leading rusher, is back at tailback and the receivers are Boo Mitchell and Carl Parker. Daryl Holt (6-3, 255) will be starting at center for the third straight year. Mills Fleming (6-4, 257) returns at tackle.

Sophomore Johnny Clark may do both punting and place-kicking, replacing Alan Herline. The Commodores had an excellent recruiting effort. Some players to watch are offensive tackle Bobby Craycraft, cornerback Johnathan Daniels, linebacker Nabil ElSheshai, fullback Andy Iacenda, and defensive tackles Cedric Moore and Joel Walker.

The big game comes November 7 when Kentucky visits. It could be Vandy's chance to escape from the SEC basement.



CEDRIC CORSE
Mississippi State

independents

MIAMI

Perhaps more important than finding the replacement for Vinny Testaverde, the Hurricanes need to come up with a new image. The bad-boy stuff just doesn't seem to fit well with coach Jimmy Johnson's new group, especially the new quarterback Steve Walsh. That's "Baby Face" Walsh. The 6-3, 185-pound sophomore has been chosen by Johnson as the successor to Heisman Trophy winner Testaverde. Walsh is a "sticks-mover" type of quarterback, which differs from Testaverde, the big-play kind of guy.

Nonetheless, the Hurricanes appear loaded again. With nine starters back on defense and five on offense, UM just may challenge for another national championship. Despite the loss of All-Americas Testaverde and defensive tackle Jerome Brown, as well as the departure of fullback Alonzo Highsmith, the Hurricanes will be Top 10 material. Walsh will be throwing to All-America candidate Michael Irvin (53-868-11) at one wideout spot and Brett Perriman (34-647-4) and Brian Blades (18-392-4) on the other side. The tight end chores will be shared by Alfredo Roberts and Charles Henry (a combined 29-338-4). The exciting Melvin Bratton (84-380-8) has been moved to fullback, while Warren Williams (80-399-3) starts at halfback. A top backup is Cleveland Gary, expected to see considerable time.

The offensive line has gone through recon-

struction. Only guard Scott Provin (6-5, 247) and tackle Matt Patchan (6-4, 276), part-time starters, return. A healthy John O'Neill (6-3, 257), out last year with a shoulder injury, is expected to fill one tackle spot, with Roderick Holder (6-3, 254) the center and one of three junior-college players at the other guard.

On defense, the superlatives continue, beginning with end Danny "Sack Man" Stubbs (6-4, 241) could be the best defensive player in the country by the time the season ends. He won't be doing it alone, though. Dan Sileo (6-2, 288) and Derwin Jones (6-4, 268) are the tackles, with Jones returning to a starting job after recovering from a broken arm. The other end will be Bill Hawkins (6-6, 245).

George Mira Jr. (6-0, 220), the team's leading tackler the past two years, returns at the middle linebacking spot, with hard-hitting Rod Carter on one side and Randy Shannon on the other, replacing Winston Moss. The secondary is led by All-America free safety Bennie Blades, who led the nation with 10 interceptions last season. He will be reunited with strong safety Selwyn Brown and cornerbacks Tolbert Bain and Donald Ellis.

Jeff Feagles (40.4-yard average) returns to punt, while Greg Cox (32-of-37 extra points and 4-of-7 field goals) hopes to regain his form of two years ago.

FLORIDA STATE

For a change, the Seminoles may actually have a set lineup. Which is the best news coach Bobby Bowden has received. In recent years, Bowden was rarely sure who his quarterback would be, and he always had a couple of questions about who would start at several other positions. Not anymore. Or so it seems. And if his players remain healthy, these Seminoles are poised for a shot at a New Year's Day bowl game, a Top 10 rating, and perhaps the national championship.

Start at quarterback, where senior Danny McManus is the starter. After taking over for Chip Ferguson in the fourth game last season, McManus completed 65 of 112 passes for 872 yards, seven touchdowns, and just two interceptions. FSU finished the season at 7-4-1 and earned its fifth consecutive bowl berth (beating Indiana, 28-14, in the All-American Bowl). Ferguson, however, is no quitter, and if McManus falters, Bowden won't hesitate to go for a relief pitcher. Ferguson completed 63 of 128 passes 807 yards, four touchdowns, and seven interceptions.

Wide receiver? The Seminoles go nine deep, which takes into consideration the loss of Darrin Holloman, who passed on his senior year for the Air Force. But leading receiver Herb Gainer (27-441-5) returns, as do Ronnie Lewis, Scott DiMare, Terry Anthony, and Patrick White, among others. At tight end, Pat Carter (6-4, 255), a top-rated pro prospect, is back after catching 16 passes for 174 yards last season. Just in case, there's Tom O'Malley (16-187-1) and Gaylon White (3-28-0) to back up Carter.

At center, Jim Hendley is gone but Michael Tanks (6-2, 237) steps in. The rest of the line is back, led by 300-pound tackle Pat Tomberlin. The other tackle is Joey Ionata (6-3, 245), with Hayward Haynes (6-3, 315) and Jason Kuipers (6-2, 252) at the guards. If that isn't enough, the running backs may be among most talented groups in the country, begin-

ning with tailback Sammie Smith (611 yards on 103 carries). Against Indiana, he had 205 yards on 25 carries to win the MVP award. Also back is leading rusher Victor Floyd (129-654-6). Other capable tailbacks are Keith Ross and Dexter Carter. At fullback, Dayne Williams (38-148-5) returns, with David Palmer and Reno Fells as backups.

On defense, only two of Bowden's top 22 players need to be replaced: tackle Gerald Nichols and linebacker Fred Jones. Linebacker Paul McGowan, seventh in the Butkus Award balloting, was the 'Noles leading tackler. Also a team leader is cornerback Deion Sanders, who had 61 tackles and four interceptions. The rest of the defense finds Steve Gabbard (6-4, 265) and Bart Schuets (6-4, 228) at the tackles and senior Thomas Harp (6-1, 287) on the nose. Jones's linebacking spot goes to either John Eaford or Odell Hagins, while Terry Warren and Felton Hayes are on the outside. In addition to Sanders, senior Eric Williams is at right corner. Strong safety is hard-hitting Stan Shiver and free safety is Greg Newell. This foursome enters its third year playing together.

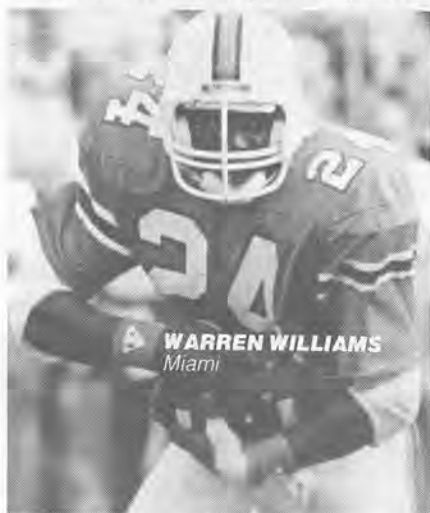
Derek Schmidt (41-of-42 extra points, 15-of-24 field goals) returns, needing just one point to become FSU's all-time leading scorer. Rick Tuten is expected to replace Louis Berry at punter. Tuten was a two-year starter for the University of Miami before transferring to FSU.

TULANE

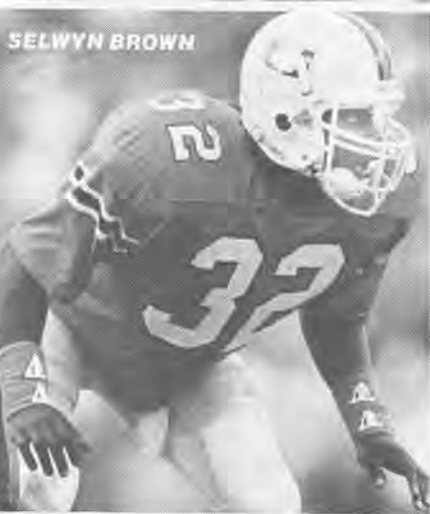
It looks like another year of Jones-to-Zeno for the Green Wave. Which is just fine with coach Mack Brown, who in his third year may have developed the ingredients needed to turn Tulane into a winning team.

Quarterback Terrence Jones, the first Tulane player to amass 3,000 total yards in his first two seasons, is back for his junior year while Marc Zeno (6-3, 198), 68 catches for 1,033 yards and seven touchdowns, returns for his senior season. There are not many better pass/catch duos in the country. "I know Marc is one of the top receivers in the country," Brown said, "and there is no way I can see another player being of more value to his team than he is to this football team." Jones, who directs the option offense, fares pretty well himself. While the Green Wave went 4-7 last year, Jones passed for 2,124 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushed for 547 yards and eight TDs. "By the time he's a senior—maybe even this year—he'll be a Heisman Trophy candidate," said a Southern Mississippi defensive back. Zeno and Jones can't go it alone, though.

On defense, the line is the least experienced area. Richard Sauter (6-3, 250) is expected to move to the nose for his sophomore season, while the tackles will be juniors Karl Chambers (6-6, 243) and junior-college transfer Tony Davis (6-1, 243). Left end will be manned by junior Fred Davis (6-1, 219), who had 30 tackles, two caused fumbles, and three sacks. Jonathan Hulbert (6-3, 196) looks to be the right end but still needs to recover from last year's fractured ankle. Freshmen Lonnie Marts and Darius Declouette could play if Hulbert is not ready. Linebacking is quite a bit stronger, with Richard Harvey, the team's second-leading tackler as a freshman, heading a group of four experienced players. Also returning are Troy Wetzell, Chris Marshall, and Vincent Mulmore. Free safety Thurston



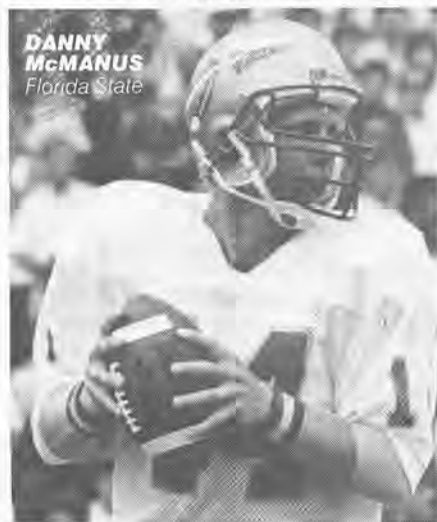
WARREN WILLIAMS
Miami



SELWYN BROWN

Harrison, the leading tackler a year ago, heads up the secondary. Preston Washington and Doug Adams are expected to start at the corners, with Shawn Burst at strong safety. Tulane's downfall was its defense, which allowed more than 30 points per game last season. Just minimal improvement could go a long way in securing a winning season.

Rodney Hunter, the Wave's leading rusher last year (657 yards and six touchdowns), will start at fullback, with Marvin Allen at tailback. Pairing with Zeno is flanker Maurice Nelson. The offensive line returns three starters: left tackle Andre Lockley (6-6, 269), left guard



John Ripoll (6-2, 249), and right tackle Tom Howley (6-5, 248). Jim Bishop (6-5, 256) moves from tackle to center and two freshmen, Kent Lattimore and Charles Hobbs, will get chances at right guard.

Chris Scott (36.5-yard average) returns to punt and Todd Wiggins and Jim Schupak share the place-kicking chores.

TENNESSEE STATE

Bill Thomas has a bit of rebuilding on his hands, but if the past is any indication, the Tigers will again growl their way into the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Although 12 starters from last year's 10-2-1 team need to be replaced, nobody is feeling sorry for Thomas.

On offense, quarterback Stacy Gear returns (149 of 290 for 1,925 yards and 16 touchdowns). Chauncey Hines and newcomer Mike Watkins are the backups. The first order of business is to establish some consistency on the line. Key losses include Wade Strickland, Keith Tarver, and Alvin Street. But John Elder has moved from center to left tackle and is expected to anchor the front five. James Braden and Virgil Hawkins will be the guards, Tommy Faison moves to center, and Alif Dove will play right tackle. Leading rusher Stephen Griffin is gone, but look for Quinton Crawford (361 yards, 23 catches for 313 yards) to pick up the slack. Speedster Eric Gray (212 yards) also returns, as does fullback Harold Miles. Craig Hodge returns and newcomer Melvin Watkins may surprise. Three players—Gary Hockett, Victor Winfrey, and Tyrone Watson—will battle for a starting role at tight end. Steve Studdard and Frank Pillow look to have starting roles locked up at wide receiver, with Zachary Lewis and Terrence Harris fighting for playing time.

While the offense lost several key players,

the defense, which ranked first in I-AA after allowing just 180.3 total yards per game, is psyched for a repeat performance. Again, though, it will have to be done by a group of new faces. Six starters are gone from a defense that held nine opponents to 10 points or less. The front line was wiped out, but tackles Barry Nixon (6-4, 240), Thaddus Howard (6-5, 220), Chris Sims (6-3, 250), and Cecil Trotter (6-3, 225) are expected to fit right in. Robert Fitzpatrick (6-3, 240) will start at nose guard. All-America linebacker Onzy Elam will be missed. Look for either Bryan Laws or Lee Smith to replace him on the outside, with Bryan Williams, considered an All-America prospect, at the other outside slot. Roderick Reed, last year's leading tackler, and Danny Taylor return as the inside backers. Cornerback Roger Holmes heads the secondary, with Tony Stargell at right corner and Ben Robinson and Joe Stone the safeties. Kicker Joe Guydon and punter David Hood return.

Quite a few holes need to be filled, but the Tigers always manage to come through. It appears this year won't be an exception.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

This will be the season that puts Jim Carmody's patience to the test. Ailrick Young is Carmody's quarterbacking project. "In Young, it'll be the first time in quite a few years we're starting out with an inexperienced quarterback," said the coach. Young, a junior, was Andrew Anderson's backup last year. But the 6-1, 197-pounder played sparingly. The other quarterbacks are David Forbes and Simmie Carter, either of whom could move into a starter's role should Young falter. The Golden Eagles must also replace fullback Randolph Brown. Carl Jones and Clint Watson combined for just seven carries last season.

Forty lettermen and 14 starters, including the entire offensive line, return from last year's 6-5 team. The line consists of tackles Rick Slater (6-6, 264) and Pat Ferrell (6-4, 267), guards Jay Sherron (6-3, 258) and Tim Hallman (6-3, 254), and center Jim Ferrell (6-4, 275). And tight end Carlos Powell is back. Returning tailbacks include Shelton Gandy (78-419-10) and Craig Shackelford (69-321-2). Chris McGee (10-119-1) is the top returning receiver, with Darryl Tillman and Robbie Weeks challenging for a starting berth.

Last season, the Eagles averaged just 18 points and generated 304.6 yards per game—195 rushing. On defense, USM allowed 22.9 points and 372.5 yards per game. Returning defenders include ends Pat Jackson (6-1, 215) and Steve Brown (6-2, 200), along with tackle Ulysses Slaughter (6-1, 260), nose guard Larry Davis (6-3, 242), and linebackers Onesimus Henry and Sidney Coleman. Also, Jonathan Robertson and Vincent Rollins return in the secondary. Henry was the second-leading tackler with 115 stops and also had two interceptions, one for a touchdown, last season. Coleman led the team with 132 tackles, including five for losses. Billy Knighten (41.7-yard average) returns as the punter.

A schedule which includes Alabama, Texas A&M, and Florida State makes USM's task more difficult than last year. A winning season is possible, but anything more than six victories has to be considered a successful year.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

(13-2) Winning football is the name of the

game at Georgia Southern, where coach Erk Russell has brought back-to-back I-AA championships to Statesboro. Last season, the Eagles led the nation in scoring (41.3 points per game), total offense (501.8 yard-average), and rushing offense (327.1 average).

The Eagles might find the road toward an unprecedented third national title a tad rocky with the loss of 12 starters, including quarterback Tracy Ham, the key to the hambone offense. Ham (1,709 yards rushing, 2,495 yards passing) has become a legend in Statesboro. His number (8) was retired last February 4, and finding a replacement seems almost impossible. Candidates are juniors Ken Bullock and Ken Burnette. The Eagles will also miss two key rushers in fullback Gerald Harris (1,469 yards) and scatback Ricky Harris (556). Replacing Ricky is last season's leading receiver, Frank Johnson. He is considered Georgia Southern's most explosive threat and will share backfield duty with junior Gary Miller (254 yards). Although wideouts Monty Sharpe and Delano Little have departed there is a corps of quality receivers returning, the best of which is Tony Belser, who led the Eagles in yards per reception (24.3). Anchoring the line is center Dennis Franklin (6-0, 230), an all-star candidate in a unit that includes guards Charles Cochran and Sean Gaaney and tackles Ron Warnock and Tony Smith.

The defense lost six starters, but Georgia Southern is so deep that it shouldn't make a difference. The line is the most solid unit with leading tackler Robert Underwood returning along with '85's leading tackler, Flint Matthews. Senior defensive tackle Tyrone Hull is back but will be pressed by sophomore James Carter, who looked impressive in spring drills. Four-year starter and the school's all-time leading interceptor, Nay Young, highlights a secondary that also includes his younger brother Terry. Russell's only area of concern is at safety, where Brad Bowen and Milton Gore have both departed. Sophomore Calvin Robinson showed promise last season and is expected to earn a spot.

The kicking game is among the best in the nation as Tim Foley returns. He has missed only five field goals in 47 attempts over the past two years and set a NCAA I-AA record for consecutive field goals made with 19. Senior Pat Parker (37.3) once again handles the punting chores.

LOUISVILLE

Year Three begins at Louisville for coach Howard Schnellenberger, the man still promising to bring Cardinal football back to respectability. With a toned-down schedule, five of the first six games at home, 13 starters returning, and a healthy quarterback in Jay Gruden, the Cardinals actually have a chance to double last year's total of three victories. Not a bold turnaround, mind you, but consider that Louisville needed the last three seasons to win six games. After two years of disappointing football, Schnellenberger's troops seem at least capable of competing with most of the teams on their schedule. Only Florida State and Tennessee appear to be out of Louisville's league. But the Cardinals should find themselves on equal terms with the likes of Tulane, Cincinnati, Murray State, Marshall, Akron, and Memphis State.

The biggest question concerning the Cardinals on offense centers around Gruden. After

completing 73 of 154 passes for 1,099 yards and eight touchdowns. Gruden suffered a knee injury which required major surgery. Word is Gruden is expected to recover and start for the Cardinals. If Gruden fails to make it back, Schnellenberger has Eric Lawton, from Golden West JC in California. Lawton threw for 1,893 yards last season as his team went 9-3. Other quarterbacks are David Miller and Todd Johnson. Watch for freshman Brian Browning to challenge the upperclassmen.

An offensive strength looks to be in the running game, where leading rusher Deon Booker (112-516-5) returns. Also back are Rodney Knighton, Craig Swaback, kick returner Keith Stephens, and several redshirt freshmen. George Williams is expected to replace the departed Danny Thomas at tight end, while Calvin Dixon and Joey Hamilton are the top returning wide receivers. Anthony Cummings, a freshman wideout from Detroit, is expected to challenge for playing time. Gone from the offensive line is Bruce Armstrong, a first-round pick of the New England Patriots. Expected to anchor this year's line is right tackle Mike Mauzy (6-3, 267). Also returning is right guard Harry George (5-11, 245). Finding three new linemen may take a while, which won't help the Cardinals at the start of the season.

Defensively, there's only one way to go, especially after allowing 378 total yards and 27.5 points per game last season. Six starters return, including Chris Thieneman, a 6-4, 258-pound tackle with all-star possibilities. "He has the size and strength necessary to take on the run, but also the speed to get to the passer and to chase down plays from behind," said Schnellenberger. "He has the intelligence and character to be a leader and a dominating player." Unfortunately, Thieneman needs help. Kevin Harvey (6-3, 259) is the other tackle, with Andrew Higgs (6-5, 270) in the middle. Sophomore Chris Sellars and senior Ron Madrick form the linebacking nucleus. The secondary consists of three sophomores: Antonio Davis at strong safety and cornerbacks Anthony Wiggins and James Young. Free safety Calvert Coles is a senior.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

In his first season, coach Nelson Stokley was a winner. He could have been a bigger winner. Last-second losses to Oklahoma State (21-20 in the season opener), Mississippi (21-20), and Tulane (42-39) left the Ragin' Cajuns with a 6-5 record. This season, Southwestern Louisiana promises to field a better team, but the schedule has been upgraded. It includes Alabama, Mississippi, and Mississippi State along with a rematch against Oklahoma State that will make it tough for a winning record. But a defense led by All-America candidate Chris Gannon at end and a run-and-shoot offense quarterbacked by Brian Mitchell and Richard Pannell looks capable of pulling an upset or two this season.

Gannon (6-5, 250) is the leader on an eight-man front, which also features linebackers Theron Harrison and Randy Guidry. Jim Brenner has been moved from safety to outside linebacker. In the secondary, Patrick Taylor returns at one corner and Thomas King is back at safety. Newcomers are needed on the line, and the addition of junior-college transfer Mark Hall (6-5, 285) will help. Stanley Hall (6-5, 257) is much improved at tackle.

Sophomores Mitchell and Pannell combined to produce 348.2 yards per game total

offense—third-best in school history—and individually each produced over 1,000 total yards. Top receiver Willie Culpepper (30-651) returns for an encore performance. Against McNeese State last season, Culpepper set a school record with 220 receiving yards. Murray Atkins, a converted quarterback, is the other wide receiver with Melvin Barber getting



TIM JONES
Memphis State

the call at tight end. The offensive line is more than capable. Returning is tackle Tim Caccagno (6-5, 264), an all-South selection a year ago. Three other seniors—center Cardell Randall (6-1, 255), guard Dennis Frederick (6-1, 280), and tackle R.C. Mullin (6-6, 315)—give the Cajuns as much stability as they've had in years. The running back spots are up for grabs, the top candidates being Felton Parquet (70-289-2), Terrance Harrison, and Joe Redding. Patrick Broussard (22 of 24 extra points and 12 of 18 field goals) returns, as does punter Buddy Still (39.9-yard average).

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Jeff Cesarone returns for his final year on the Hill. After that, who knows? The Division I-AA Hilltoppers, 4-6-1 last season, will showcase Cesarone and just hope their defense can come around enough to help produce a winning record.

It all starts with Cesarone, who holds virtually every school record and is a top candidate for Little All-America consideration. The 6-2, 210-pounder completed 207 of 397 passes for 2,396 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. He is just one of eight returning starters on an offense which averaged 21 points per game. Cesarone is complemented by running backs Joe Arnold, who had 721 yards last season, Pedro Bacon, and Pete Mangold. The 'Toppers have two transfers in David Smith (Wichita State) and Ken Thomas (Syracuse). The loss of Keith Paskett means Arnold will do a lot of pass catching out of the backfield, with wide receiver Cedric Jones (29-373-2) trying to pick up the deep slack. Also back are Malcolm Darden (28-360-3), Robert Coates (26-312-3), and Tommy Shakir. Look for redshirt freshman Doug Jones to start at tight end. Tackle Steve Walsh (6-4, 295) heads the line.

On defense, nose guard Denny Caple (6-2, 265) anchors what could turn into a strong line. A healthy Curt Paige (6-3, 241) returns at tackle, with Steve Watson (6-1, 210) and Walter Loving (6-3, 240) at the ends. Despite missing two games with an injury, linebacker Neil Watkins (5-7, 210) still led the team in tackles. He returns along with the consistent Rus-

sell Foster and Mike Carberry, who suffered a knee injury and missed five games last year. Depth in the secondary is a major concern. Returning at one corner is Harold Wright, who missed five games. Ron Burroughs is expected to replace the departed Vernard Johnson at the other corner, with David Bailey at strong safety and James Edwards at free.

Punter Todd Davis, a redshirt freshman, should replace Adam Lindsey, while Dan Maher (22-of-24 extra points, 9-of-14 field goals) handles the kicking chores.

"We feel like we can be a much better football team this season," said coach Dave Roberts, entering his fourth year. A playoff bid does not appear imminent for the 'Toppers, but a winning season does.

MEMPHIS STATE

The building continues. But this season, it looks as if the foundation has settled in. Following a 1-10 season under first-year coach Charlie Bailey, the Tigers find themselves with 17 returning starters, including the entire offense. But that unit averaged a meager 9.5 points and 219.5 total yards per game.

If there is a strength on offense, it's in the line, with all-star candidate Ted Gatewood (6-2, 265) back at center. Also, Tim Borcky (6-9, 295) and Keith Shirley (6-3, 260) return at the tackles and Scott Dill (6-5, 272) and Reid Bennett (6-3, 250) at the guards. Now, if only the players at the skill positions can produce. Tim Jones, who became the quarterback after the fifth game, is back for his sophomore season. He will run the wishbone, although he may get some competition from Andy Whitwell. Eight lettermen return at running back, and it is hoped someone will be able to lift the Tigers' 2.9-yard per-rush average of a year ago. Not the number Bailey is looking for when you plan to run the wishbone. Among those returning are fullbacks Wayne Pryor (129-501-1) and Bill Moody and tailbacks James White (48-202-0) and Gerald White. With receiver Jerry Harris having completed his eligibility, Sammy Seals, Ray Craft, and Charles Wilson are among those being considered as his replacement. Keith Jeffries is the returning starter at tight end, but Nebraska transfer Rob Phenicie will see a lot of playing time.

The prospects don't look good for a much improved defense. In 1986, the Tigers surrendered 26.5 points and 359.3 yards per game. In fact, the defense allowed opponents to complete 53.6 percent of their passes, with each completion going for an average gain of 14.39 yards. Three top linebackers—David Brandon, Octavian Sharp, and Anthony Strong—are gone, as are linemen Dennis Borcky and Harold Beane. Tory Epps (6-1, 240) is on the nose, with James Cribbs (6-4, 275), Greg Ross (6-3, 260), and Rodney Lewis (6-3, 240) fighting for the two end spots. Cribbs is trying to come back from a knee injury. The only returning starter at linebacker is junior Damon Young. Look for junior-college transfer Jon Tabler to step in as a starter. Others being counted on are Tyrone Bettlers, Marlon Brown, Mark Bowen, and Clarence Haver. In the secondary, all four starters return, including strong safety Ron Palmer, the team's third-leading tackler. Reggie Dubose returns at free safety with Jerry Craine and Mike Nettles at the corners.

John Butler returns as the kicker and freshman Rusty Trail will get first shot at handling the punting.

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In the eyes of the NCAA, the Southwest Conference has experienced addition by subtraction. A series of recruiting controversies which rattled the foundation of several SWC football programs finally took its toll on Southern Methodist, which was forced to drop football for the 1987 season in the first application of the NCAA's "death penalty." SMU also decided to cancel its 1988 schedule after officials revealed the existence of a slush fund which had been set up to pay players.

Other programs had their problems, too. Houston and Texas were investigated by the NCAA. Texas A&M conducted its own in-house probe into allegations of rules infractions. Texas Tech was placed on probation for recruiting violations. Texas Christian was placed on parole after ending a two-year probation. While the SWC was trying to get its house in order, A&M dominated news by winning its second straight conference title. Arkansas, Baylor, and Texas Tech also earned bowl bids, giving the SWC four postseason berths for the second year in a row.

Placing half its membership in bowls this season, however, may be a difficult task for a league which faces an uphill climb in its bid to re-establish credibility among some of the Southwest's top recruits. Many of the better college prospects in Texas have signed elsewhere in recent years in a disturbing trend that has diminished the SWC's overall level of strength. With that in mind, the only one of the SWC's eight schools outside Texas may reap the biggest dividends this fall. Arkansas, yearning for its first Cotton Bowl appearance in over a decade, could benefit from a veteran offense and a skilled defense that has become a trademark in the Ozarks. If fate doesn't call the Hogs, A&M may be able to

speedy offense and a strong defense live up to expectations.

Patience is wearing thin at TCU, where several strong recruiting classes have produced only one bowl trip in four years under Jim Wacker. Enough talented redshirts and former blue-chip athletes should be on hand to add a little color to what has been a lifeless program the last two years.

Baylor, the only SWC team to win a bowl game last season, must complete an extensive overhaul at almost every position to continue its streak of postseason success. Improved consistency in the running game is a priority which must be met if Texas Tech is to make another run at a lofty finish in the Raiders' first full year under coach Spike Dykes.

If nothing else, Houston should be more entertaining this fall as the Cougars try to learn Jack Pardee's "Run and Shoot" offense. Whether an upgraded passing game will receive a passing grade remains to be seen.

Rice could benefit from increased parity within the SWC as the Owls attempt to make a run at a first-division finish. Such ambitions have been fueled by the school's ability to avoid the cellar in each of the last two seasons.

Although the Aggies contributed several high picks in the NFL draft in April, A&M has enough individual talent remaining to attract more attention from pro scouts. Defensive lineman Sammy O'Brien and Arkansas nose guard Tony Cherico should contend for the Outland and Lombardi awards. The Aggies may even boast the SWC's best freshman in redshirt quarterback Lance Pavlas. Another quarterback, senior Mark Comalander, may be the key to Rice's hopes for a winning season. The presence of such outstanding players as Joel Porter of Baylor, Freddie Childress of Arkansas, and Paul Jetton of Texas should continue the SWC's reputation as a league traditionally dominated by quality linemen. The sophomore jinx may be a factor at Texas, where linebacker Duane Duncum, defensive lineman Ken Hackemack, and punter Alex Waits all could contend for All-America.

A major shakeup has taken place in the Southland Conference, which has a seven-team lineup consisting of McNeese State, Northeast Louisiana, Northwestern State, North Texas State, Sam Houston State, Southwest Texas State, and Stephen F. Austin. Some newcomers could give the old members fits, particularly if Sam Houston State can approach the level of dominance it reached when the Bearkats qualified for the NCAA playoffs last season for the first time since 1964. North Texas State, Northeast Louisiana, McNeese, and Southwest Texas State could challenge for the title, while new members Northwest State and Stephen F. Austin try to avoid a last-place finish.

Grambling came on strong down the stretch last season and is the team to beat in the Southwestern Athletic Conference 1987 title race. For sure, Grambling is no stranger to the throne room under veteran coach Eddie Robinson. The Tigers have won or shared 15

crowns since joining the SWAC in 1956. Meanwhile, defending champion Jackson State is expected to put up a fierce fight. The defense, featuring all-star cornerback Carl Johnson, ranks among the league's best. Alcorn State also nourishes title hopes, and Southern has a good chance to finish in the first division under Marino Casem. Texas Southern could pull off a few surprises if the defense rallies around the SWAC's leading quarterback, Sean Cook, who topped the 3,000-yard mark in passing last year. Alabama State will counter with All-America running back Brad Baxter, who is coming off a season that saw him rush for 1,705 yards.

The Lone Star Conference will have a new face this season with Central (Oklahoma) State joining the league, but long-time LSC power Texas A&I has been pegged the team to watch in the 1987 race. Cameron University, another Oklahoma-based school, has been granted LSC membership, but the Aggies will not be eligible for the title race until 1988. A&I will provide league rivals plenty to think about this season in running backs Johnny Bailey and Heath Sherman. This combo formed the most prolific 1-2 ground punch in collegiate history last year by rolling up 3,526 yards. Defending champion West Texas State and Abilene Christian, which tied A&I for second place, are expected to make strong runs for the conference title. ACU claims the LSC's most feared passer in Rex Lamberti, who threw for 2,790 yards and 32 touchdowns in 1986.

Winning the TIAA title last season merely whetted the appetite of Tarleton State coach Bill Pringle, who still craves a national championship for the NAIA Division II school. And the Texan grid boss just might have the right ingredients (45 lettermen, 16 starters) to reach his goal. The Texans are favored to keep their place atop the league standings. Austin College and Sul Ross, however, are likely to put

predictions

southwest conference

1. Arkansas, 2. Texas A&M, 3. Texas, 4. Texas Christian, 5. Baylor, 6. Texas Tech, 7. Houston, 8. Rice

southland conference

1. Sam Houston State, 2. North Texas State, 3. Northeast Louisiana, 4. McNeese State, 5. Southwest Texas State, 6. Northwestern State, 7. Stephen F. Austin

southwestern athletic conference

1. Grambling, 2. Jackson State, 3. Alcorn State, 4. Southern University, 5. Mississippi Valley, 6. Texas Southern, 7. Alabama State, 8. Prairie View

independents

1. Arkansas State, 2. Louisiana Tech, 3. Lamar,

4. Texas Lutheran, 5. Trinity

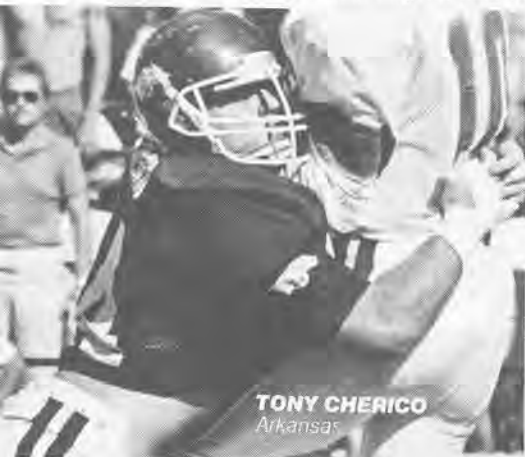
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1. Texas A&I, 2. West Texas State, 3. Abilene Christian, 4. Angelo State, 5. Central State, 6. Eastern New Mexico, 7. East Texas State

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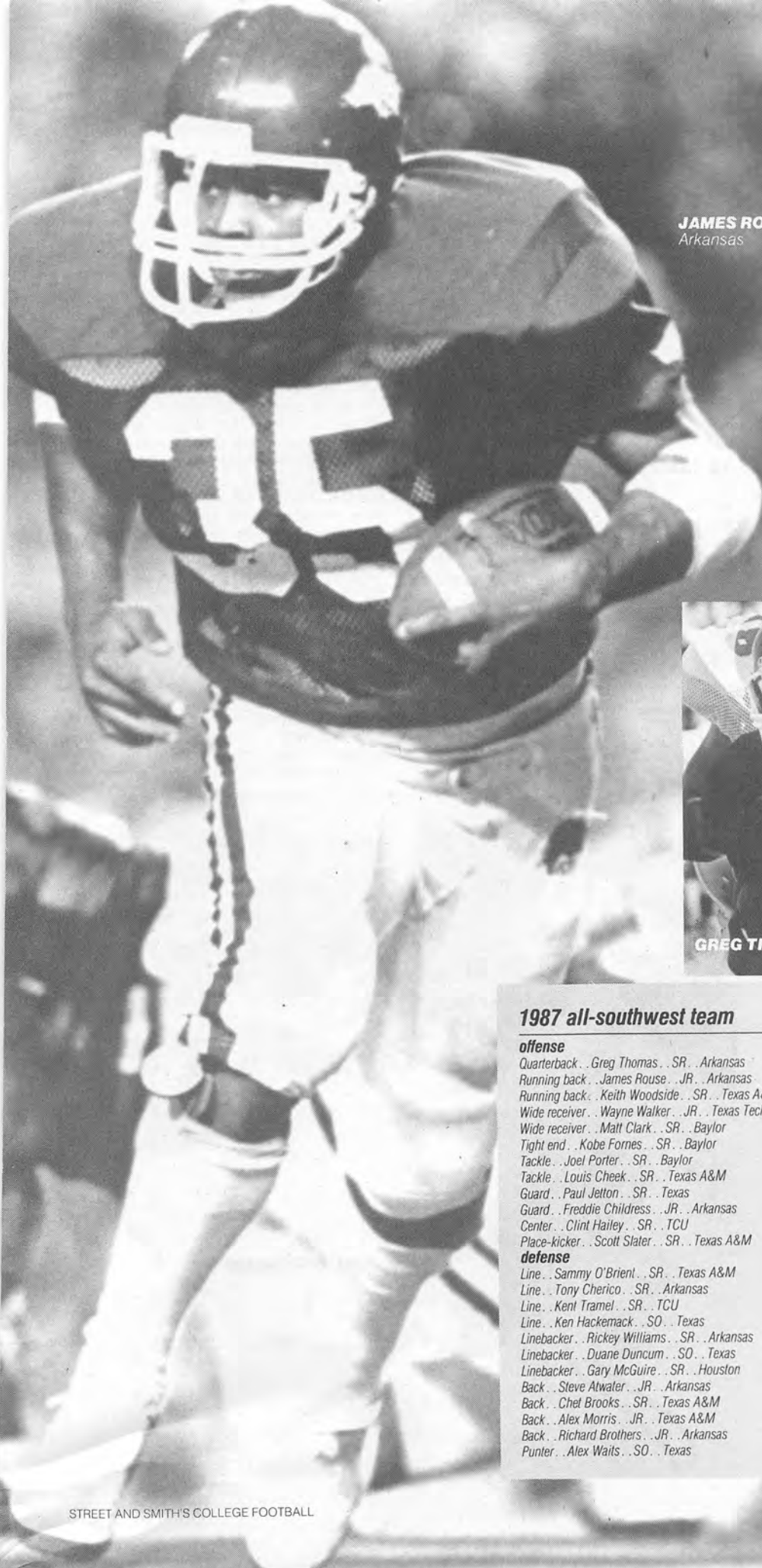
1. Tarleton State, 2. Austin College, 3. Sul Ross, 4. McMurry (Howard Payne not eligible for TIAA race until 1988)



TONY CHERICO
Arkansas

rebuild its defense in time to snare yet another SWC crown under Jackie Sherrill.

Texas raided the Red Raiders for David McWilliams, who guided Texas Tech to the school's first bowl appearance in nine years in his initial season as a major-college head coach. McWilliams, who returned to the Longhorns' staff after a one-year absence, could mold a championship team rather quickly if a



JAMES ROUSE
Arkansas



GREG THOMAS

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Tackle . . . Joel Porter . . . SR . . . Baylor
Tackle . . . Louis Cheek . . . SR . . . Texas A&M
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Guard . . . Freddie Childress . . . JR . . . Arkansas
Center . . . Clint Hailey . . . SR . . . TCU
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Back . . . Chet Brooks . . . SR . . . Texas A&M
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up stiff challenges with the fourth member, McMurry, due to show vast improvement. Balance has been the trademark of the non-scholarship circuit. That was evident last season when Tarleton became only the third team in the league's 10-year history to go unbeaten against TIAA rivals. Howard Payne has left the Lone Star Conference to join the TIAA, but the Baptists will not compete for the football title until 1987.

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ARKANSAS

In three years as the Razorbacks' head coach, Ken Hatfield has directed his alma mater to a 26-8-1 record and trips to the Orange, Liberty, and Holiday Bowls. A pair of successive second-place finishes to Texas A&M in the Southwest Conference race have prevented the Hogs from reaching the Cotton Bowl the last two seasons, but that could change this fall. If Arkansas can mend a few holes in its offensive line, it's quite possible the return of nine offensive starters could make this the Hogs' year.

Nose guard Tony Cherico and safety Steve Atwater are the leaders of a blue-ribbon defensive unit which allowed opponents an average of only 13 points per game a year ago. Cherico, a 6-foot, 238-pound senior who has fully recovered from shoulder surgery, was Arkansas' most decorated player last season when he earned second-team All-America honors for his uncanny ability to make the big play. Tackles David Schell and Wayne Martin and end Carl Bradford all return, giving the Hogs a solid defensive front brimming with talent and experience. Steve Jones, Bubba Barrow, and Kerry Owens are expected to contend for the starting job at outside linebacker. Rickey Williams and Erik Whitted, a pair of proven linebackers who combined for 156 tackles, are key figures in an area the Razorbacks consider to be a strength.

The secondary is of primary importance at Arkansas, where Atwater had a superlative sophomore season by making 72 tackles, intercepting four passes, and breaking up four others. Junior cornerback Richard Brothers, who intercepted four passes, once again will join Otis Lloyd as key defenders against the pass. Charles Hunter could move into a starting role at the other cornerback spot.

While much of the Hogs' spring work on defense was spent trying to improve their pass rush, their priority on offense was trying to find a fullback, a backup quarterback, and three new quality starters in the interior line. Hatfield also added a few new wrinkles to his wishbone offense, which should benefit greatly from the return of junior halfback James Rouse. "He gives us a big, strong, fast runner," said Hatfield, describing the type of athlete his offense needs in order to thrive. Rouse, the SWC's Newcomer of the Year in 1985, will have to approach the 1,000-yard mark if the Razorbacks are to generate much improvement on offense.

Anthony Chambers joins redshirts Greg Jackson and Richard Grooms as the top candidates at fullback. Quinn Grovey and Kenney Kearns could be used as backups to senior Greg Thomas, who has thrown only three interceptions in two seasons as Arkansas' starting quarterback. Last year, Thomas completed 67 of 109 pass attempts for 1,032 yards and six touchdowns. The departure of all-time school receiving leader James Shibest was a

blow to the Hogs' offense, but split ends Donnie Centers and Tim Horton and tight end candidate Billy Winston should prevent the passing attack from decaying. Halfbacks Joe Johnson, who scored 11 touchdowns last season, and Sammy Van Dyke are prime receiving threats out of the backfield.

The right side of the Razorbacks' offensive line returns intact with 320-pound guard Freddie Childress, senior tackle Chris Bequette, and center Bryan White. Guard candidate John Stitten and tackle Jim Mabry are the top names in the rebuilding project the Hogs face on the left side.

Kendall Trainor ended years of mediocrity in the Hogs' kicking game last season by successfully converting 10 of 13 field-goal attempts and all 39 of his extra-point tries, but the punting game will be a question mark unless sophomore Allen Meacham can replace four-year starter Greg Horne.

TEXAS A&M

What can the Aggies do for an encore? After winning successive SWC championships the last two seasons, Texas A&M is looking toward yet another banner year. The Aggies' ambitions are fueled by a composite 19-5 record in 1985 and 1986, a large number of skilled athletes returning on offense, and a wealth of talent which made up one of the nation's most highly regarded recruiting classes last February.

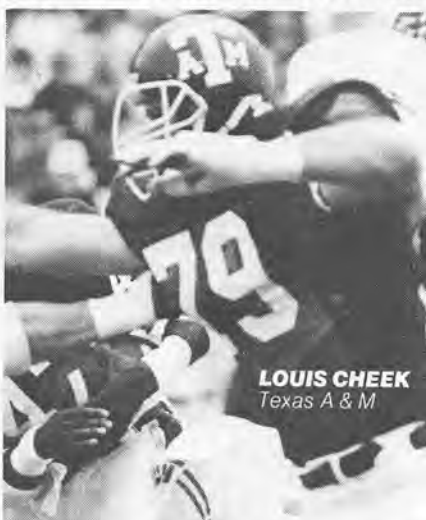
Not surprisingly, A&M has its sights set on a school-record third consecutive Cotton Bowl

appearance. That lofty goal received quite a jolt, however, when quarterback Kevin Murray forfeited his final year of college eligibility to make himself available for the NFL draft after helping the Aggies to a 9-3 record last season. "Even as much publicity as Kevin got, he probably didn't get the credit he deserved for what he did here the past several years," said Jackie Sherrill, beginning his sixth year as the Aggies' head coach. "We won't be able to get into any more shootouts, so we'll have to change the offense somewhat."

With that in mind, senior Craig Stump will begin the season as the starting quarterback. Nevertheless, redshirt freshman Lance Pavlas could fit into the plans by midseason if he gains more skill in running the Aggies' complex offense. The transition in the backfield should be eased by an experienced line anchored by center Matt Wilson, guard Jerry Fontenot, and tackle Louis Cheek. The tight end position should be bolstered by the arrival of junior-college transfer Gary Koster, a 6-foot-6, 230-pounder who could be used as more of a blocker than a pass receiver.

With considerable depth in their receiving corps and a lack of quality experience at running back, the Aggies are expected to have senior Keith Woodside running more and catching less this fall. Woodside, who caught 52 passes out of the backfield last season, will be joined by James Howse, Matt Gurley, and a strong freshman class that includes four of Texas's five most highly regarded running back prospects.

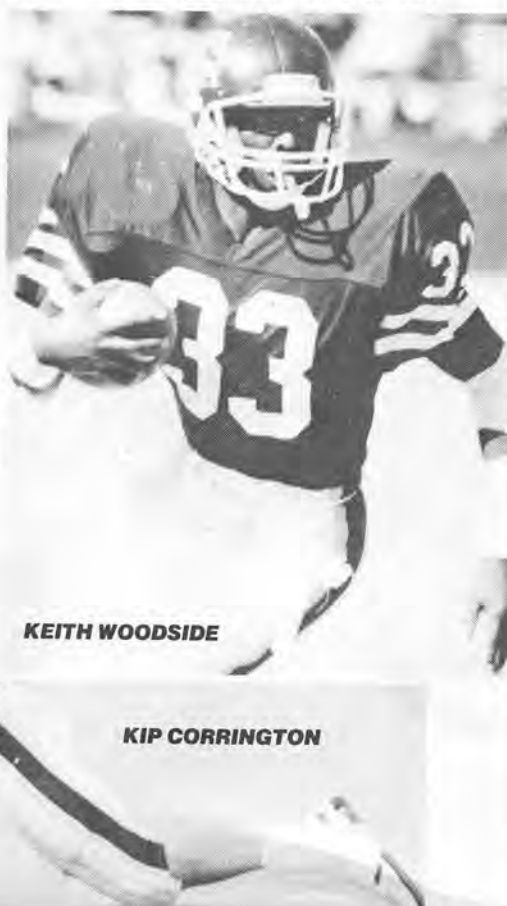
An extensive overhaul awaits the Aggies on defense, where only one starter returns among the front seven. Nose guard Sammy O'Brient is the only holdover in a three-man



LOUIS CHEEK
Texas A & M



KEITH WOODSIDE



KIP CORRINGTON



DARRON NORRIS
Texas

line that must receive strong efforts from ends O'Neill Gilbert, Guy Broom, and Terry Price if A&M is to continue its dominance in the SWC. Although the Aggies are in need of four new starting linebackers, outside backers John Roper and Aaron Wallace performed well in spring drills, as did inside candidates Dana Batiste, Basil Jackson, and Adam Bob.

Sherrill and his staff have shuffled a secondary that stood out as one of A&M's few weaknesses. Chet Brooks has been moved from cornerback to strong safety and Alex Morris from strong safety to a corner. Kip Cornington returns as the free safety.

Stump once again will handle the punting duties, while place-kicker Scott Slater tries to match last year's impressive total of 100 points scored on 37 extra points and 21 field goals in 27 attempts.

TEXAS

Once a team that served as the SWC's flagship, Texas had trouble trying to stay afloat last season. A 5-6 finish signaled the end for Fred Akers, who was fired as head coach in the aftermath of Texas's first losing record in 30 years. David McWilliams, who served as the Longhorns' defensive coordinator before winning SWC Coach of the Year honors last season at Texas Tech, has assumed the task of righting a tattered football program.

Youth will be served at Texas this fall since the Longhorns list only 12 seniors on their roster. Among them is quarterback Bret Stafford, who set 12 school records and tied another last year, when he passed for 2,233 yards and 12 touchdowns. Darron Norris has been moved from fullback to tailback and Eric Metcalf has been shifted from running back to wide receiver in the most notable personnel changes. Gabriel Johnson, Tony Jones, Jeremy Robertson, Kevin Nelson, and tight end Steve Clark are veteran receivers.

Other than guard Paul Jetton and center Alan Champagne, the offensive line is young and unproven. Ed Cunningham and David McGrath are among the leading candidates at tackle. The starting guard spots in McWilliams's multiple offense could go to Omar Salen and Duane Miller. How well such players as Brian Nielson, Casey Smith, and Carter Hill

recover from assorted injuries could go a long way in determining how good the line will be.

Defensively, the Longhorns return seven starters in a 4-3 alignment which suffered its heaviest losses in the secondary. John Hagy has been moved from strong to free safety, a switch which should allow Gerard Senegal more playing time at strong safety. Fred Stromile and Tony Griffin are among the leading candidates at cornerback, a position which will be strengthened by the return of redshirt James Lott. As usual, Texas should be solid at linebacker, where Britt Hager, Duane Duncum, and Bobby Rhodes add depth and experience. Duncum's brother Bobby has been moved from linebacker to end.

Towering tackles Steve Llewellyn (6-6, 271) and Ken Hackmack (6-9, 283) join end Thomas Aldridge as the anchors in a line that could develop into one of the SWC's best. Mike Finn will provide depth at tackle if he improves his grades before the fall.

The kicking game is strictly a good news-bad news situation. Sophomore punter Alex Waits returns after leading the SWC with a 46-yard average a year ago, but All-America place-kicker Jeff Ward exhausted his eligibility after setting many school records.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

To the Horned Frogs, happiness was seeing their 1986 season in their rear-view mirror. On NCAA probation for recruiting violations, TCU had 24 starters miss 75 games because of injuries. As a result, the Frogs finished with a 3-8 mark culminated by a record-setting 74-10 loss to Texas A&M. "It was one of those crazy years we all had just as soon forget," coach Jim Wacker said.

The gloom surrounding the TCU program the last two years has prompted the Frogs to alter their offensive and defensive formations. The old 5-2 defensive alignment has been shelved in favor of a 4-3 scheme built around nine returning starters and three outstanding performers who redshirted a year ago. In a surprising change, Wacker decided to experiment with a dropback passing game to supplement the Frogs' usual veer attack.

Senior running back Tony Jeffery, who led the Frogs with 861 yards rushing and eight touchdowns last season, is the crown jewel in a backfield which also includes sophomore running back Tony Darthard and junior fullback Scott Bednarski. The quarterback job is rated a tossup between incumbent David Rascoe and injury-plagued Scott Ankrom, who missed most of 1986. Getting the ball into the hands of such standout receivers as Jerrod Delaney and flex end Reggie Davis will be one of the Frogs' priorities. Between them, Delaney and Davis caught 47 passes last fall. Center Clint Hailey and tackles Brian Brazil and Jeff Hopkins are mainstays in a veteran line which should be bolstered by the return of tight end Rickey Stone.

The Frogs have at least one player with starting experience returning at each defensive position. Tackle Kent Tramel, who recorded 315 stops in his first three seasons, returns after a redshirt year which allowed him to mend his troublesome knees. Veterans Frank Hawkins and Mitchell Benson could share time at the other tackle spot while Tracy Simien and David Spradlin serve as ends.

Gregg Jones, converted from quarterback during his early years at TCU, will team with Scott Harris and Floyd Terrell at linebacker.



ERIC METCALF



BRET STAFFORD



KENT TRAMEL
Texas Christian

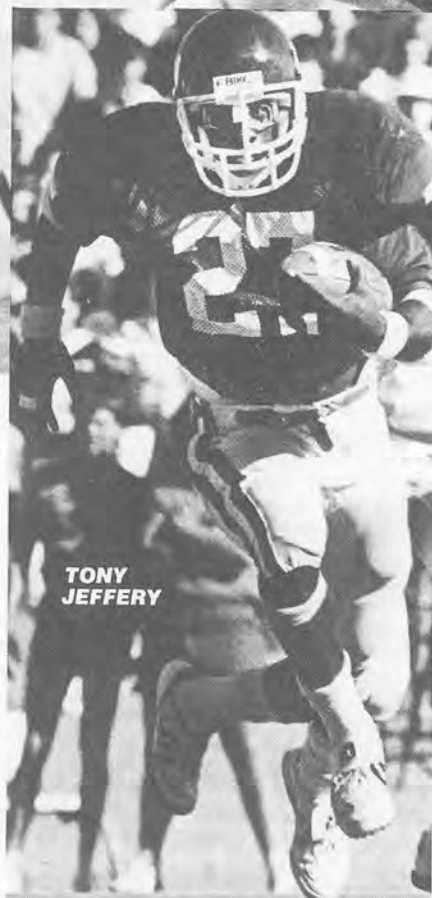
The secondary should make considerable improvement after last year's soft season. Junior free safety Falanda Newton, who led the Frogs with three interceptions, headlines a backfield with cornerbacks John Rooty and Tony Brooks and rover Garland Littles.

If some old faces fail to produce in Wacker's fifth year at TCU, plenty of new ones will be waiting in the wings. The Frogs redshirted 16 freshmen last fall, several of whom could get considerable playing time. Juniors Lee Newman and Chris Becker should add some kick to the Frogs' kicking game. Newman successfully converted 16 of 19 field-goal attempts in '86, while Becker punted 59 times for a 46.1-yard average.

BAYLOR

The Bears finished 9-3 and were ranked 12th in the Associated Press final poll last season. Coach Grant Teaff must replace 18 starters in one of the more massive rebuilding projects he has undertaken in his 16 years at Baylor.

Teaff's goal of directing the Bears to a school-record third consecutive bowl trip will depend on how many quality performers can fill gaping holes on offense and defense. Senior tackle Joel Porter is the only returning starter in an offensive line that must regroup in a hurry if the Bears are to avoid taking a substantial

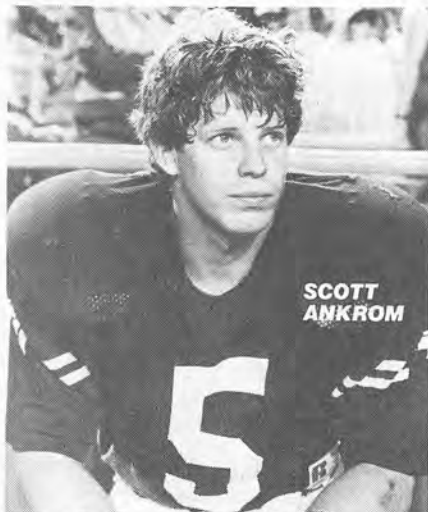


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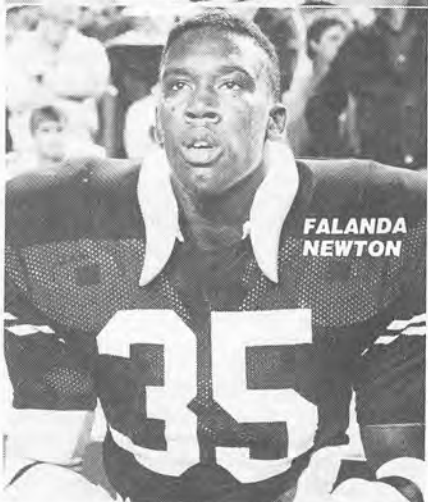
plunge in the conference standings. If nothing else, the line should be stronger since Porter and candidates Paul Stuart, Jeff Palmer, Dennis Smith, and Errol Ware each has bench-pressed over 500 pounds. Matt Clark, who led the Bears with 23 receptions for 418 yards, should team with speedsters Darnell Chase

and John Simpson and three-year starting tight end Kobe Fornes to provide Baylor with a strong group of receivers.

Finding someone to throw the ball is the primary concern for a multiple offense which may start untested sophomore Ed Lovell at quarterback. For the first time since 1983, the Bears will be without either Tom Muecke or Cody Carlson, each of whom set numerous school records. Lovell will be pushed by red-



SCOTT ANKROM



FALANDA NEWTON

shirt freshman Brad Goebel and Lance Sardelich and newcomer Jay Mapps.

Quality, not quantity, is the tentative theme of the Bears' running game. Jeffrey Murray, a multipurpose back who rushed for a team-leading 459 yards on 106 carries and caught 19 passes for 204 yards, teams with Charles Perry as the only proven veterans in Baylor's backfield. Jackie Bell, James Jarmon, and Eldwin Raphael are reserves.

A game of musical chairs looms in the defensive line, where tackle Russell Sheffield is the only veteran in a muddled situation. Sheffield also is a question mark after missing spring drills because of a broken ankle. Senior Henry Green and junior Vincent Carpenter could fill in at tackle and ends Eugene Hall and Keith Rose may earn starting roles.

The situation at linebacker is even more precarious. Sophomores Gary Hays, James Francis, and Gary Joe Kinne have the unenviable task of having to replace a group of three four-year lettermen at the heart of the Bears' 4-3 defense. Teaff wants to find the best four

players, regardless of position, to patch his secondary. Norris Blount and Ray Crockett are projected as starters at cornerback, while talented sophomore Mike Welch and Robert Blackman continue to gain experience at the safety positions.

Consistency is a must for Terry Syler, who made only 12 of 17 field-goal tries last year.

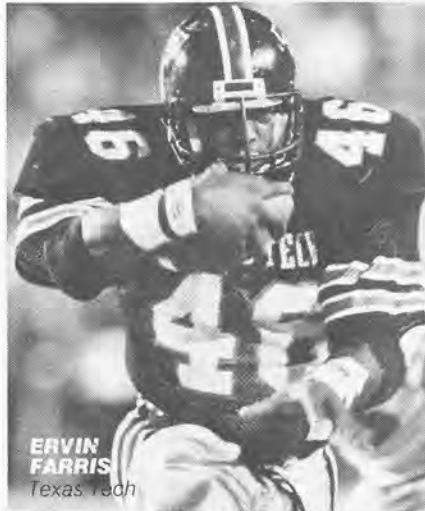
TEXAS TECH

Without question, the Red Raiders displayed as much magic as any SWC team a year ago by overcoming predictions of mediocrity to earn their first bowl bid in nine years. David McWilliams continued the trend by pulling a disappearing act before the Independence Bowl and accepting the head coaching job at Texas. Defensive coordinator Spike Dykes succeeded McWilliams, creating a big market for "I Like Spike" buttons.

How much Red Raider fans like Spike this fall will depend on how quickly several weaknesses can be patched following a 7-5 season. "We have some big concerns," Dykes said. "We need to develop depth in every area and look at different people in some different positions. But there will be no wholesale changes of philosophy." Dykes's staff has retained Tech's I-formation and 4-3 defensive scheme. Fifteen starters also return, giving the Raiders a familiar look as they prepare to build on last season's success.

717 yards and six touchdowns. Eddy Anderson was close behind with 37 receptions for a team that accounted for 4,008 yards total offense. More production, however, will be needed from veteran running backs Ervin Farris and James Gray and tight end Travis Price.

The offensive line should benefit from the presence of such veterans as 270-pound guards Mike McBride and Jeff Keith and tackle David Stickels. But the Raiders' biggest



ERVIN FARRIS
Texas Tech



WAYNE WALKER

weapon on offense is their smallest player—5-foot-3, 130-pound Tyrone Thurman, who led Division I schools with 444 yards in punt returns. More consistency, however, will be needed in the kicking department after Kal Segrist missed seven of nine attempts beyond the 40-yard line last year.

Three of Tech's five top tacklers return on defense, where linebacker Michael Johnson, safety Merv Scurlock, and end James Mosley comprise a solid nucleus. But holes have to be filled at cornerback, linebacker, and the interior line. James Mosley, Desmond Royal,

and 295-pound Artis Jackson are among the veteran linemen who must have good years if the Raiders are to earn another bowl bid.

HOUSTON

The Cougars tumbled from the penthouse to the outhouse in the Southwest Conference in a two-year span, dropping from Cotton Bowl status to a 1-10 season culminated by the resignation of veteran head coach Bill Yeoman. Jack Pardee, who has nine years of professional head coaching experience in three leagues, was named to succeed Yeoman. Pardee has installed the "Run and Shoot" offense he successfully used as head coach of the Houston Gamblers of the defunct United States Football League.

Finding a quality quarterback capable of doing the running and shooting in the Cougar's new wide-open attack was Pardee's first assignment. Mark Davis, a senior who showed steady improvement last season when he started five games, will contend for the starting job with junior-college transfer David Dacus. A year ago, Dacus finished second in the nation in passing by completing 157 of 321 attempts for 2,333 yards and 15 touchdowns at Cisco (Texas) Junior College. Pardee also was able to sign Ed Powers, a 6-foot-6, 220-pound quarterback from Bakersfield (California) Community College. Split end Jet Brown, who led the Cougars last season with 33 receptions for 556 yards and five touchdowns, is the key name on a list of veteran receivers that also includes flanker Dwayne LeBlanc and sophomore Paul Smith.

Although Pardee plans to place added emphasis on the passing game, the Cougars' offense should be bolstered by the return of running backs Sloan Hood and John Stankus. Senior center Tim Britton is the anchor in a young line which started a freshman and three sophomores last year. Edwin Thomas, who started all 11 games as a freshman, and junior Mike Rhodes provide depth and experience at tight end.

All-SWC linebacker Gary McGuire is the centerpiece of a defensive unit that returns eight starters. McGuire, a 6-3, 240-pound senior, has led the Cougars in tackles in each of the last two seasons. Robert Harper returns at weak-side linebacker after recording 141



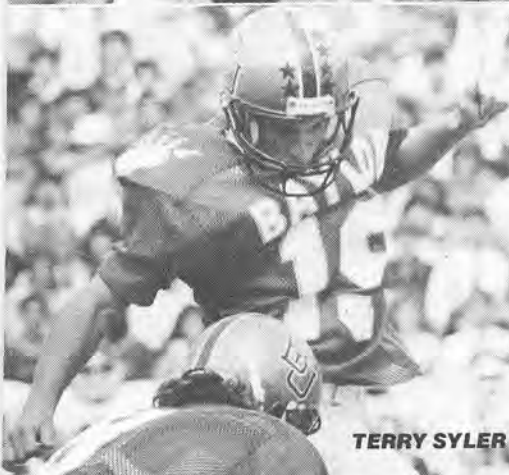
SLOAN HOOD
Houston

tackles as a junior. Derrick Hoskins, David Bearden, and nose guard Glenn Montgomery should provide stability in the line.

In the secondary, the Cougars' motto is safety first. Free safety Robert Jones returns after ranking third on the team with 105 tackles and pacing the squad with four intercep-



MATT CLARK
Baylor



TERRY SYLER

Trying to develop a better blend of the run and the pass will be one of Tech's priorities during fall drills. Billy Joe Tolliver had the second-best passing season in the school's history a year ago when he threw for 1,602 yards. Wayne Walker once again looms as Tolliver's favorite target after catching 38 passes for

tions. Senior strong safety Randy Thornton, whose star has dimmed after a standout freshman year, could make a big difference with a strong season. Junior cornerback Johnny Jackson is the other holdover in the Cougars' defensive backfield.

Place-kicker Chip Browndyke was successful on only three field-goal attempts outside the 40-yard line last fall, an area in which the Cougars must improve.

RICE

The old desire to reach new heights remains with the Owls, who continued a steady climb toward respectability with a 4-7 record last year under Jerry Berndt. Back-to-back victories in Rice's final two games against Air Force and Houston left a winning residue. Nothing more than an open date on opponents' schedules a few years ago, the Owls have won seven games in the last two years in a turnaround that could lead to better things.

Superb performances from several offensive veterans will be needed if Rice is to make substantial improvement in the SWC standings. Senior quarterback Mark Comalander, who passed for 1,430 yards and eight touchdowns a year ago, heads a list of eight returning starters on offense. Comalander shared time last fall with Quentis Roper, a junior who is more skilled at operating the veer attack the Owls occasionally employ. Finding added backfield help to blend with fullback Lorenzo Cyphers is one of the Owls' primary tasks.



MARK COMALANDER

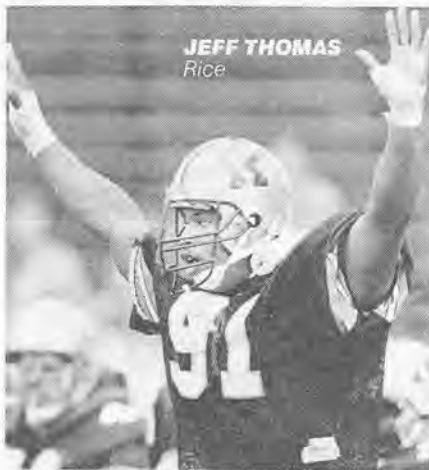
Another hole has developed at right tackle, where Ray Brewster and Scott Reeves should contend for the only available starting spot in a veteran offensive line.

A large group of talented receivers capable of making the big play is one of the Owls' strengths on offense. Between them, split end Chris Nixon and wide receiver Keith Lewis caught 45 passes for almost 900 yards last fall. Darrell Goolsby, a junior speedster, led Rice receivers with four touchdown catches and averaged 19 yards per reception. Whether the Owls will do as much damage with their passing game this fall will depend on the blocking they receive from an interior line that will include tackle Russell Moses, guards Karl Schraer and David Mayberry, and center Courtney Hall.

The Owls' most formidable rebuilding project concerns a defensive unit which returns just four starters. The secondary is the only

area which won't need an overhaul since William McClay, Roy Thompson, and Everett Coleman are back for another season. McClay led the Owls with four interceptions last year. Mace Meeks, Stephen Holmes, Brent Knapton, and Eric Shaw are competing for the safety job.

Tackle Jeff Thomas is the only familiar face in a three-man line that will have to rely on such newcomers as David Grice, John Zurita, Eric Johnson, and Ron Manning for early stability. The linebacking corps is a disaster area following the graduation of all four starters, a situation that prompted the move of Steve



JEFF THOMAS
Rice

Thompson from the secondary to outside linebacker. Added help could come from Will Hol-las, Kyle Falk, John Issac, and Brad McKay.

The kicking game could use a boost since the Owls converted only 4 of 11 field-goal tries last season. Glen Ray Hines will assume the punting duties.

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SAM HOUSTON STATE

Having reached giddy heights with the school's first postseason appearance of any kind in 22 years last fall, the Bearkats hope to continue that upswing as one of the SLC's new members. Last fall's 9-2 record included a first-round game in the Division I-AA playoffs, a No. 11 national ranking, and another Coach of the Year plaque for Ron Randleman.

Whether the Bearkats' wave of success will continue will depend on how well the team adapts to a new 4-3 multiple defensive scheme which will utilize the return of eight starters. Huey Blackmon, who sat out the 1986 season after transferring from Texas Christian, will join tackles Mike Ober and Marvin Brown and end Andre Finley in the defensive front. Carl Mims and Don Harris are skilled cornerbacks in a secondary that must search for a unifying force at free safety. The team's centerpiece on defense is junior linebacker and leading tackler Lish Adams.

Avoiding the injuries which plagued their offensive unit a year ago is of paramount importance to the Bearkats, who will have considerable talent in quarterbacks Reggie Lewis and Bryan Osterhaus and tight end Ricky Eggleston. Depth is a problem at fullback, where Judd Hess and Jerry Waddy may be asked to carry much of the load. The situation is even more precarious in a line which lists senior guard Floyd George as its only veteran. Bart

Bradley is back after finishing second in the nation in punting (44.5).

NORTH TEXAS STATE

An experienced offense and a young and hungry defense should help the Eagles contend for a conference crown after last year's 6-4 record. Nine starters return on offense, giving NTSU some much-needed stability in a conference that is going through a transition.

Quarterback Bron Beal and running backs Darrin Collins and Bill Brewer are among the top weapons coach Corky Nelson plans to use for a run at the Southland Conference title. In addition to the total offense he produced at quarterback, Beal led the SLC with a 41-yard punting average. Marcus Camper provides the Eagles with quality experience at receiver. Right tackle Kevin Phillips and center Kendal Nelson are mainstays in an offensive line that should develop into a strong point.

Defensive lineman Tom Middaugh and free safety Michael Rhone are the top two tacklers returning to a unit that lists Robbie Legg and Kenneth Wren among its leading candidates to fill some gaping holes at linebacker.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

The disappointment of their first losing season in five years prompted the Indians to revamp their offense for 1987 by installing a one-back set for added flexibility. But not many changes were needed on a defense which provided the brightest spot in a 5-6 season by finishing first in the SLC against the pass and ninth in the nation in total defense.

Tackle Claude Brumfield, linebacker Terry Jones, and free safety Cyril Crutchfield are leaders on a unit that also returns end Kevin Joseph and strong safety Frank Shelvin. Jones, who led the Indians with 111 tackles a year ago, will be joined at linebacker by Scott Tubbs. Changes in the secondary include the move of Perry Harper to strong safety and Stephone Avery to cornerback.

At quarterback, coach Pat Collins has the luxury of quantity and quality. Stan Humphries passed for 1,773 yards and 11 touchdowns last season, but must withstand challenges from Walter Phythian and redshirt freshman Doug Pederson to retain his starting role. John Clement, David Muse, and Kurt Manasco, a trio of 260-pounders, are projected as starters in a beefy offensive line expected to open holes for T-back Charles Andrews. The Indians' receiving corps is spearheaded by Chris Jones and Mike Manuzzo. Teddy Garcia could set a record with his first field goal next season, since he needs only three points to become the school's all-time leading scorer.

McNEESE STATE

A new coach will put his brand on the Cow-boys this fall as Sonny Jackson takes over a program that slumped to 2-9 a year ago. Preliminary changes include the move to a one-back offense which relies heavily on the big play and a 3-4 defense which could use as many as six backs in certain situations.

Outstanding encore performances will be needed from quarterback Scott Dieterich and running back Tony Citizen, both of whom had splendid freshman seasons. Dieterich led the SLC by passing for 2,031 yards and nine touchdowns, while Citizen paced the conference with 1,088 yards after beginning his college career with a 302-yard effort against Prairie View A&M. Mainstays in the line include tackle Glen Koch and center David Healy.

Junior-college transfers Darnell Cline and Charles Mayberry are expected to make a big impact in the secondary. Gary Irvin has been shifted from end to tackle and Bradley Zaunbrecher has been moved from end to linebacker, leaving tackle James McGuane as the only other veteran holdover in the Cowboys' line. Randy Moss, who led the team with 100 tackles, will team with Jim Moss at linebacker for the second consecutive year.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

As they prepare for their first year in the Southland Conference, the Bobcats have high hopes of putting together a winning record after back-to-back losing seasons. Optimism for improving on last year's 4-7 mark is based on the return of six starters on offense and eight on a defense that allowed only 107 yards per game against the run.

Senior running back Roy Jackson topped that mark for the Bobcats' offense, rushing for a school-record 1,187 yards and 10 touchdowns. Rebuilding an offensive line around senior guard John Brewer is a concern, as is finding a quarterback among Frank Gasca, Trent Taylor, and Ron Rittiman.

The Bobcats' defensive front is seasoned with experience. End Arnold Baker and tackle Reggie Trimble were all-conference picks during SWT's final season in the Gulf Star Conference. Cornerback A. J. Johnson, who intercepted four passes, could benefit from the return of Eugene Rogers, an all-conference player in 1985 who missed all of last

The rebuilding job on defense begins in a line bolstered by the presence of end John Kulakowski. Gary Carter, Kevin Lewis, and David Chitman are names to remember in a talented secondary, but the linebacking corps is unsettled. Freddie Wallace, who led the Demons with 94 tackles from his strong-side linebacking spot a year ago, is the only proven name in the middle of the defense. Finding a punter to replace four-year starter Mike Crow is of vital importance.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

The Lumberjacks could have a stormy maiden voyage in their inaugural season in the Southland Conference. Sophomore quarterback Todd Hammel will be taking over the starting job on an offensive unit that counts split end Melvin Patterson and guard Spencer Leftwich as its only returning starters. Much of the burden on offense will fall on the shoulders of fullback Michael Horace, wide receiver Pat Jackson, and tight end Brad Barfield. Horace, who rushed for 408 yards, is the team's top returning ground gainer.

Things appear much brighter on defense, where six of the top seven tacklers return. Jim Carlton, who led last year's unit with 114 tackles, joins Bobby Henry and junior-college transfer Julius Smith in the Lumberjacks' linebacking corps. David Whitmore, a linebacker last year, has been switched to safety after finishing as SFA's second-leading tackler.

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GRAMBLING

(7-4) The Tigers will carry a four-game winning streak and a string of 27 straight winning records into 1987. Eddie Robinson enters his 45th Tiger season as college football's all-time winningest coach (336-113-15) with nine returning starters among 29 lettermen in camp.

Junior quarterback Chauncey Allen and senior fullback Clyde Dyson lead the offense. Allen threw for 1,782 yards and 13 touchdowns while Dyson averaged 4.4 yards on 71 carries last season. Dyson also owns the best numbers (15 catches for 180 yards) among the receivers, which includes Terry Rose and Fred Jones. Darryl Smith (296) and Ricky Warren (278), both proven tacklers, and center Daniel Jones (288) will try to take up the slack in the line, where standout guards Jerome Penn and John Senegal have departed.

Missing from the defensive unit are four all-

league performers: end Sean Smith, linebacker Joe Williams, and defensive backs Anthony Anderson and Victor Hill. The senior foursome of Johnny Carter (263), Tommy Johnson (235), Royce Scobey (240), and Curtis Maxey (285) are the leading candidates for the line. Junior linebackers Leroy Humphries and Sygmond Holland came on strong down the stretch, while Alexander Quaynor has outstanding credentials. Jeffrey Smith and Rodney Branch are senior mainstays at the corners, with Charles Davis and Robert Reddix.

JACKSON STATE

(9-3) After finishing atop the SWAC pack for the fifth time during the 1980s, the Tiger wrecking crew is prepared to put another Dent on league foes this season. All-America free safety Kevin Dent left his mark on the opposition by intercepting a league-high 10 passes, returning two for touchdowns. He was named SWAC co-defensive player of the year. W.C. Gorden, whose 82-31-2 career record makes him the winningest coach in JSU annals, was voted Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

Quarterback Shannon Boyd completed only 42 percent of his passes and threw more interceptions (13) than TDs (11). Lewis Tillman, who missed last season with an injury after topping the team rushing chart as a soph, heads a ground corps which includes fullback Billy Smith and Thomas Hollway. Ricky Flowers is the only experienced receiver. Mammoth center Kenneth Hudson (6-3, 302) anchors a line that also features Houston Hoover (267) and Thomas Lowery (265).

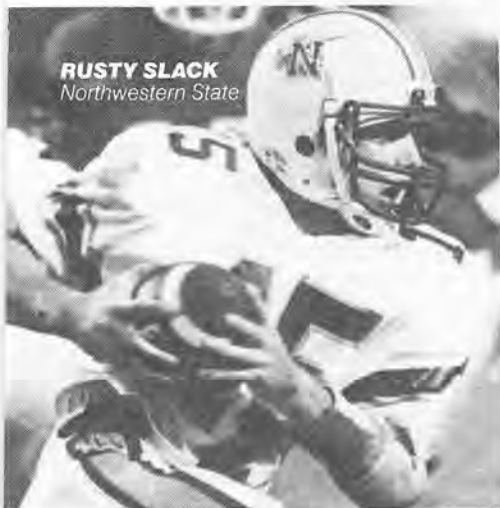
The secondary shapes up as the league's best with all four starters returning: Carl Johnson, a first-team all-SWAC performer, and Michael Wallace at the corners and Dent and Steven Smith at safety. The linebacking corps returns Andre Lloyd (248), the Tigers' leading tackler, Dennis Conner, and Cammie Collins. Tackle Deatrich Wise (268) holds his ground on the defensive line.

ALCORN STATE

(5-5) The Braves surprised most critics last season by finishing second behind defending champion Jackson State, and all signs point to a continued surge by coach Theophilus Danzy's team. A wealth of talent is spread around a squad that numbers 33 returning regulars. Gone are record-setting receiver Milton Barney and defensive back Milton Mack, but four all-star candidates provide a strong nucleus.

This quartet includes quarterback Jerome Vigne, split end Barry Robinson, offensive guard Warner Loring (245), and defensive back Jack Phillips. Vigne completed 52 percent of his passes for 1,722 yards and 10 TDs. Larry Brown is a capable backup. Robinson had only 11 catches for 160 yards, but he averaged 28.3 yards on kickoff returns to rank No. 8 in the nation. Tailback Cedric Bush, who rushed for a team-leading 290 yards, will supply most of the ground punch. Tight end Ray Hollivay carries the best numbers (18 receptions for 251 yards) among the receivers. Rodney Kelly (264) and Loring lead the line.

Sophomore tackle Kevin Wright (257) and end Paul Bradley (215) are in the defensive line. Xavier Hall heads a linebacking corps that is shy on seasoned players. Phillips, whose five interceptions led the team, has take-charge qualities in the secondary. Other



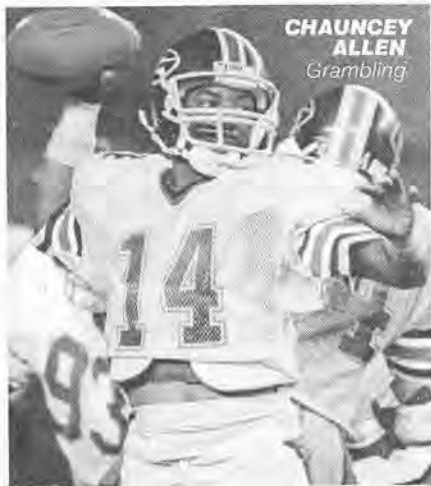
RUSTY SLACK
Northwestern State

season with injuries. Shawn Woods and Brad Fulks are stars at linebacker.

NORTHWESTERN STATE

Ready or not, the Demons have entered the SLC with visions of considerable improvement over last year's 5-5-1 record. How many strides are made, however, will depend on how quickly coach Sam Goodwin and his staff can patch several holes in a leaky defense.

Offensively, the Demons' attack is dependent on a strong running game powered by quarterback Rusty Slack and back John Stephens. Slack rushed for 349 yards last season, the highest total by a Northwestern State quarterback in 17 years. Stephens needs only 636 yards to surpass Joe Delaney as the school's all-time rushing leader. Center Jeff Steers and tackles Robbie Martin and Keith Childress are the top names in an offensive line searching for added depth.



CHAUNCEY ALLEN
Grambling

defenders include Byron Barney, Gary Lewis, and Willie Thomas (189). Kevin Coburn is an adept place-kicker (25-of-26 PATs).

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

(5-5-1) Former Alcorn head coach Marino Casem embarks on his first season as the Jaguars' grid boss intent on turning the corner with his new team. He'll have 16 starters among 38 returning lettermen. Casem's charges also boast good size, speed in the secondary and at the wide receiver position, plus a talent-laden linebacking corps. On the negative side, the coach must find replacements for last season's two top running backs: Ronald Scott and James Evans. Another question mark exists at quarterback.

Senior Brian Brown, who saw limited action last season, has the inside track at the starting quarterback job. Freshman Nathaniel Harrison will find a dual role as the backup QB and punter. Daryle Garner, Jeff Alexander, Brent Washington, and Marlon Blount—the nephew of former Pittsburgh Steeler standout Mel Blount—will shoulder the running load. Maurice Hurst will try to improve on his team-high totals of 18 catches, 347 yards, and five TDs. Tight end Craig Davis and flanker Farrington Johnson will make their presence felt.

Senior Rufus Porter and Darry Brooks head the linebacking contingent. Brooks ranked No. 1 on the tackle chart as a rookie with 116 stops and Porter had 104 tackles. Added linebacking savvy will come from Chris Scott and Vincent Fizer. Other defensive stalwarts include tackle Anthony Hudson (286), end Gus Myles (270), corner Michael Ball, and safety Kervin Fontenette.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

(4-4-1) Archie "Gunslinger" Cooley no longer calls the shots for the Delta Devils, who will try to reload under new head mentor Kenneth Pettiford. The outlook for improving on last season's .500 finish appears good with 15 returning regulars.

Finding more offensive punch will be one of the main concerns facing Pettiford. Two years ago, the Devils boasted one of college football's most explosive attacks (639 yards per game), but they slipped to a modest 307-yard reading last season. Junior quarterback Thomas Leonard passed for 1,454 yards and nine touchdowns. Robert Marshall (32 catches for 448 yards) and Lawrence Hill (27-321) are proven receivers. Thadd Williams and Terry Coleman will bolster the ground game. Guard James Thompson (290), tackle Danta Whitaker (245), and center Derrick Bullock (275) are the top hands up front.

Linebacker Vincent Brown, who figured in a team-high 173 stops last season, tackle Paul Jones (270), and corner Aaron Williams are sparklers on a seasoned defense. Ends Melvin Hollins (230) and Tony Hagge (210) furnish solid play. Ditto for the senior trio of linebacker Clarence Trotter, cornerback Albert Edwards, and strong safety Daryle Gaines.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

(2-8-1) Tiger passing whiz Sean Cook is back for his senior season, but graduation claimed talented receivers Donald Narcisse, who hauled in 88 aeriels to lead NCAA Division II, and Darrell Colbert, who had 66 catches. Also missing is running back Nate Johnson, who rushed for 1,142 yards to become the school's career leader.

Cook threw for 3,065 yards and 28 touchdowns to win the league passing crown. Davis Smith, who is equally dangerous as a receiver

and return specialist, will be a prime passing target, along with Brian Wiggins. Rudy Johnson carries the best credentials among the candidates at running back. Tackle Kenneth Munson (290) is being groomed for all-star honors. Other standouts in the line, which ranks among the league's best, include guards Vince Gamble and Sam Emmanuel and center Bob Arnold.

"Our biggest question mark is the defensive line, where we must rebuild quickly to be successful," said Tiger coach Lionel Taylor. Eight part-time starters return on the unit: linebackers Arnold Anderson, Tracey Donavon, and Tony Johnson; cornerback Ike Butler, strong safety Denny Moore, free safety Alvin Williams, and linemen James Johnson and Ruben Perez. Tackle James Robinson (6-5, 280), who was among the top high school recruits in Texas, should become an immediate impact player in the trenches.

ALABAMA STATE

(4-7) After being a pushover team during their five seasons on the SWAC scene, the Hornets appear ready to push upward in the league standings. The roster lists 37 returning letter-



men, of whom 19 were starters. Jim Parker has vacated the head coaching job, however, and the position still had not been filled in early June.

Brad Baxter holds the offensive spotlight after rushing for 1,705 yards (5.6 yard average), to rank third in Division I-AA. Quarterback Antonius Smith had less spectacular numbers (914 aerial yards), but he should improve this season with split end Darryl Pearson, who had 30 receptions for 533 yards, providing an excellent target. Flanker Kenneth Bonom and light end Leroy Miles bolster the receiving corps. Guards Quinton Jefferson (248) and Anthony McElhaney (260), center Johnny "Butch" Wynn (255), and Zefross Moss (290) are stalwarts in the line.

The defensive line has three senior returnees in end James Tillman (218), tackle Tommy Oliver (255), and Anthony Crook (180). Junior end Billy Ray Cox (6-3, 275) is an imposing figure. Others with experience include linebacker Lymos McDonald, cornerback Mark Hurt, strong safety Charles Staples, free safety Edwin Ross, and back Gary Browe.

PRAIRIE VIEW

(3-8) Slowly but surely the Panthers are beginning to gain respect around the league after winning only five games the past four seasons. And the word is out that Conway Hayman's charges will continue to show improve-

ment in 1987. Three all-star candidates—guard Vincent Huffpower (230), fullback Lynn Bradford, and tailback Victor Pegram—head a cast of 15 returning regulars. Pegram was voted SWAC Freshman of the Year when he rushed for 665 yards and six touchdowns.

A more consistent Earnest Brow returns for his senior season at quarterback. He threw for 2,284 yards in 1986 to move atop the school's career passing ledger with 5,063 yards. All-SWAC receivers Bruce Walker and Sam Johnson have graduated, but Greg Montgomery and Cedric Scott are being counted on to fill the void. Split end Elias Davis also is available. Tackles Sherman Smith (258) and Herman Moore (245) and center Patrick Green (240) return in the line.

There is lack of depth in the linebacking corps, but James Manuel and Sheldon Osby grade out high. Tackles Paul Wyatt (240) and Mark Moore (230) and Huffpower are in the line. Cornerback Michael Jackson and safety Kevin Peterson are in the secondary.

Independents

ARKANSAS STATE

Three consecutive appearances in the Division I-AA playoffs sparked the Indians' plans to become an independent this fall as a part of a five-year plan to upgrade the school's program to Division I-A. Last year's 12-2-1 record, however, represents a level that will be difficult to match. Larry Lacewell, named Coach of the Year in the Southland Conference for the second successive season, has only five seniors with starting experience returning from Arkansas State's trip to the I-AA finals a year ago.

Much of the load will fall into the capable hands of wishbone quarterback Dwane Brown, a three-year starter on the verge of setting a school career record for total offense. Scott Roper emerged as one of the Southwest's best place-kickers last fall by connecting on 21 of 28 field-goal tries. Greg Lee provides stability on defense after intercepting nine passes over the last two seasons. Finding quality help to join nose guard Charlie Fredrick in the defensive front is the top priority.

LOUISIANA TECH

After a 16-year stay in the Southland Conference, the Bulldogs will be competing as an independent for the first time as the school continues its drive toward Division I-A status. Carl Torbush also has taken over as Tech's new head coach following a 6-4-1 season which resulted in heavy losses in the Bulldogs' senior class. Such standouts as running back Garlon Powell, wide receiver Paddy Doyle, and place-kicker Matt Stover are among only nine returning starters.

Powell has led the Bulldogs in rushing three consecutive years and needs only 790 yards to surpass John Henry White as Tech's career leader. Doyle caught 47 passes for 705 yards and Stover converted 21 of 25 field-goal tries as a freshman to earn Newcomer of the Year honors in the SLC. Nose guard Courtney Wallace, strong safety Richie Sims, and linebacker Eldonta Osborne are among five returning starters on defense.

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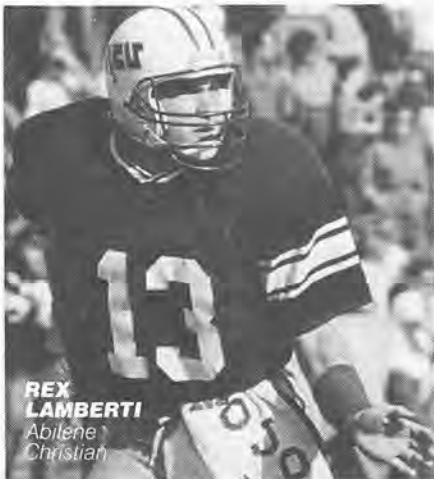
Adding life to a dormant defense is the top priority for Ray Albom as he begins his second season as the Cardinals' head coach. A year ago, Lamar's defense yielded the most points (339) and total yards (4,560) in school

history in a frustrating development that led to a 2-9 record and the Cards' seventh consecutive losing record. Linebacker Larry Myers is the only senior on a defensive unit that will depend on such returning starters as end Mark Lerch, tackle Kacy Lewis, and safety Troy Mack for veteran leadership.

Burton Murchison, Lamar's all-time rushing leader with 2,785 yards, is the key player in a multiple offense that will include four receivers this fall. Derek Anderson, Ranzy Levias, and Kevin Simon all return after combining for 84 receptions in '86, but the quarterback job is up for grabs. Stephen Lee, a 261-pound center, is the anchor in a big, beefy line that will place added emphasis on pass blocking.

TEXAS LUTHERAN

Better times are ahead for the Bulldogs, who slumped to a 1-9 record last fall. Considerable improvement should be made with the return of a seasoned backfield led by quarterback John Fuquay and running back Val Herrera. Eric Rowley once again looms as the Bulldogs' primary pass target, while Gilbert Estevez is the stalwart in a young offensive line.



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Defensively, Texas Lutheran must depend on strong performances from a talented secondary led by Mike Hyek and cornerback Alton Martin. The line is in a rebuilding process, placing added responsibility on the shoulders of veteran linebacker Adon Adams.

TRINITY

Forgetting last season's nightmare is the primary task for the Tigers, who return nine starters under coach Gene Norris. The offense will be spearheaded by sophomore quarterback Scott Taylor and running back Jimmy Whitney, who led the team with 455 yards rushing. The receiving corps will be anchored by Bill Thompson.

A solid foundation exists on defense, where a strong secondary could hold the key to the Tigers' chance of a winning season. Strong safety Raul Quintero and cornerbacks Damon McReynolds and Spencer Street join linebacker Lynn Westfall as tested veterans. Street, the Tigers' top return man, also led Trinity with five interceptions.

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TEXAS A&I

(9-2) Tailback Johnny Bailey and fullback Heath Sherman gave the Javelinas the most prolific 1-2 running punch in collegiate football history last season. The duo combined for 3,526 yards as coach Ron Harms' team re-

wrote the record books, setting 98 national, conference, and school marks. Bailey grabbed the biggest headlines by leading the nation's runners as a freshman. The 180-pounder finished with 2,011 yards to become only the third collegiate rusher to reach the 2,000-yard plateau in a season.

Bailey and Sherman will occupy the spotlight again this season, but there is a wealth of outstanding players spread through a roster that lists 21 returning regulars. Senior quarterback Darcy Davis, a starter since his freshman year, completed 50 percent of his passes for 1,384 yards and 11 touchdowns. Guard Moses Horn (280) and tight end Mike Dyal carry all-conference credentials.

The defense also features a pair of all-league performers in end Danny Munoz (250) and back Rickey Collins. Linebackers David Malesky and Kevin Beasley also bear watching. Malesky led the team in tackles last season. Kerry Simien gives the team an added dimension with his ability to return punts (13.0 average) and kickoffs (27.2).

WEST TEXAS STATE

(7-4) Staging one of the sharpest turn-arounds in collegiate circles last season, the Buffaloes overcame a 1-4 start to wrap up their first Lone Star Conference championship with a perfect 6-0 mark. Coach Bill Kelly's herd climaxed the title stampede by scoring 25 points in the fourth period to pull out the season finale against Abilene Christian. The 32-28 cliffhanger represented a record sixth straight win for the Buffs, who also established school standards for touchdown passes (33), passing yards (3,801), total offense (4,862 yards), and points (397).

The Buffs want those numbers on the board this season. Graduation claimed quarterback Tod Mayfield and receiver Stan Carraway, the top aerial combo in Division II.

Steve Kragthorpe has the potential to become an outstanding quarterback and Doak Taylor is considered an adequate backup. J.R. Compton and James Morton will spark the ground game. Compton rambled for 783 yards, while Morton was redshirted last season after leading the 1985 Buffs in scoring with 72 points. Center Daron Hogan (230), tackle Chris Anderson (254), and tight end Devin Kerstetter are leaders up front.

Nose guard David Newman (232) returns for his third season. Tackle Shawn Rickel (249), linebackers Darrell Jordan and Alondra Johnson, and cornerback Kelvin Miles also are steady. Kyle Carter, who has booted a school-record 45 straight extra points, will handle the place-kicking for the third straight season.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

(7-3) Aerial ace Rex Lamberti climbs into the cockpit for his final season at the Wildcat controls and perhaps a little flight. He connected on 206 of 378 passes for 2,790 yards and a league-high 32 touchdowns in '86. Two years ago, he became the first quarterback in LSC annals to pass for 3,000 yards.

Surrounded by a proven crew (16 starters), Lamberti has his sights set on another banner season. Fullback Gerald Todd and running back Freddie Powers, who rushed for 414 and 406 yards, respectively, lend balance to the offense. Todd also snared 25 passes for 236 yards. Tackles John Layfield (240) and Darin Cook (236), guard Mark Davis (238), and tight end Mark Stevens have experience.

Linebacker Steven Ates, a first-team all-league performer, is the star of the defense.

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End Mark McIntyre (275) and back Eddie Bane have earned starting roles. Tackle Bill Clayton figured in a team-high 82 tackles. Linebacker Jake Guarino, guard David Dalbert (248), and back Jesse Bonner are solid performers. Jason Watson and Theopolis Hickman are in the secondary. Each had five interceptions last season.

ANGELO STATE

(6-5) Filling the shoes of record-setting quarterback Ned Cox is the most pressing need facing Ram coach Jerry Vandergriff, who feels sophomores Mickey Russell and Randy Lofland have the ability to win the starting job. "Both players had the luxury of redshirting as freshmen and they have been in the program for two full years," said Vandergriff.

Although there is a scarcity of veteran running backs, this position could prove a pleasant surprise if three freshmen measure up to their potential: Steve Lee, Joel Smith, and Kenneth Williams. Milton Williams (5-4) saw spot duty as a ball carrier last season while leading the team in punt returns. Kelvin Kelley hauled in 29 passes for 533 yards. Baron Berry and Aaron Kenney also are adept receivers. Pat Graves (243), a two-time all-LSC performer, is a leader in the line, where center Phillip Fletcher (236), tackle Darrell Wilson (243), and guard Tyler Ware (250) also return.

Consensus All-America Pierce Holt (275) and all-leaguer Doyle Weishuhn (263) assure topnotch play at the defensive-tackle slots. Ends Brock Kelley (255), Phillip Bivens (245), and Wendell Byrd also figure prominently. Veteran linebackers are available in Dennis Brooks, Rod Akers, and Henry Alsbrooks. The secondary is well-fortified, too, with seasoned safeties Ternel Washington, Chad Sthele, Ottoway Perryman, and Wayne Hutchinson. Lacy Mayberry and Jeff Herbert are on the corners. Russell Goshorn is back to handle the kicking duties.

CENTRAL STATE

(3-5-1) The Bronchos, who started fast last season, enter their initial LSC campaign knowing they are capable of holding their own against the league's heavyweight teams. That was evident in the 1986 opener against West Texas State, which barely escaped with a 35-28 victory. The Broncs kicked their heels the following week by stunning nationally ranked Abilene Christian, 41-28. Gary Howard's team slumped in the stretch, however, and the coach will be hard pressed to improve on his 10-year record (70-29-4) at the CSU helm. Quality running backs John Sterling and Eddie Goodlow are gone, along with talented place-kicker Mark Monroe.

There is talent still available. Quarterback Glynn Walker flashed promise as a passer last season, throwing for 847 yards and six TDs. He also ran for 251 yards and added five more scores. Flanker Ray Collins and Ronnie Neal are the primary receivers. Guards Lance Hutson and Richard Rose (275) are in the line.

The defensive spotlight falls on linebackers Egean Collins and Marty Irland, cornerback Larry Porter, end Dean Shinault (220), and safety Neil Galbraith. Porter, Shinault, and Galbraith are being touted for all-star honors. Jim Marks is back to handle the punting.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO

(8-3) The Greyhounds ripped off five straight wins coming out of the starting gate last season, but they slowed to a pup's pace during the conference race. Despite a season-ending 50-3 loss to league champ West Texas

State, Don Carthel's team did manage a 3-3 record against LSC foes.

Carthel has put that humiliating loss behind him as he prepares for his third season at the ENMU helm. He has three all-star candidates: running back Rufus Smith, offensive tackle Earl Jones (300), and linebacker Cecil Jackson. Smith ranked third in the league in rushing with a 105-yard average. Jackson was credited with a team-leading 104 tackles.

Quarterback Tom Gonzalez is coming off a fine sophomore season that saw him throw for 1,523 yards and 12 touchdowns. Also back is Robert Griggs, the team's leading receiver (42 grabs for 740 yards). Nose guard Ray Rodriguez (245) carries top credentials in the defensive line. The Hounds are certain to miss Mike Meeks (8 interceptions), but strong safety Mike Wallace is being counted on to help fill the void. The kicking game shapes up as a strong point. Mark Montoya averaged 41.5 on 67 punts to rank second in the conference. Bob Gilbreath is a competent place-kicker (36 of 41 PATs and 9 of 14 FGs).

EAST TEXAS STATE

(2-9) The Lions opened and closed the 1986 season on a winning note, but they were off cue in between, losing nine games in a row to wind up with the worst record in the school's history. And the outlook again appears bleak with only eight returning starters. Second-year coach Eddie Vowell is leaning heavily on JC transfers to help turn the program around.

Senior Mike Trigg's status at quarterback is doubtful due to a knee injury that has limited his playing time the past two seasons. If Trigg is unable to go, Royce Slechts has the starting job. But Slechts's numbers (4 TD passes and 17 interceptions) leave a lot to be desired. Transfers Eric Faulkner, David Cox, and James Benson will fuel a ground attack that averaged a mere 49.6 yards per game. Running back Harold Wright has three letters. Joseph Hopkins owns the best receiving credentials (20 catches for 232 yards). Big things also are expected from end Jeff Dotie. Juco product Kyle Paschal (250), who bench presses 500 pounds, will throw his weight around on the line, where guards Steve Sellers (248) and Alan Roulette (264) and center Vance Hale (260) return.

Sparked by all-league linebacker Mike Cisewski and back Aaron Muehlstein, the defense will be much improved over last season's unit that leaked for 391 yards per game. Muehlstein led the LSC with nine interceptions, two of which he returned for TDs. Richard McCollum (223) and Dexter Harvey (220) are the ends, Robert Kubicek (257) the nose guard. Top-ranked transfers include tackle Mitch Norton (257), end Cornell Watts (236), and cornerback David Turner. Colangelo Tolbert and Jeff Manuel are deep backs.

CAMERON UNIVERSITY

(11-2-1) As the newest conference member, the Aggies must put their LSC title hopes on hold until 1988, when they become eligible to compete for the championship. The league schools are counting their blessings, because coach Brian Naber's squad is loaded.

James Skinner got his feet wet as a freshman quarterback. Chuck Smith and Robert Whitman spark the ground game. Ronald Walters has pass-catching skills. Guard Wes Cox (250) and tackle Mike Lorenzen (250) are rated the best linemen in camp. Newcomers to watch are running back Keith Bock, tight end Jim Bartee, and guard Phil Briney (260).

Tackle Thomas O'Kelley (6-6, 265), a first-team NAIA All-America choice last season, is a tower of strength on defense. End Pat Hartline (220) and nose tackle Eli Davis (290) are other noteworthy names. Linebacker Joe Watkins carries top billing, as do Miles Thompson and Charles Washington in the secondary. The latter also is a threat on punt returns, ranking No. 8 nationally in 1986. A pair of junior-college products, Levon Davis and Andrea King, are top candidates at the corners. Rainey Meservy (235), a Kansas State transfer, will bid for a starting job at tackle.

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TARLETON STATE

(8-1-1) Bill Pringle performed a minor coaching miracle last season in guiding the Texans to an 8-1-1 record, a perfect 6-0 mark against TIAA rivals, and a No. 8 ranking in the final NAIA Division II poll. The third-year TSU mentor, who predicted an outstanding effort in 1986 despite a 3-7 finish the previous year, is even more optimistic for '87.

The ingredients (45 lettermen and 16 starters) point to a higher finish for Pringle's forces this season. Seven all-star candidates head the list of returnees: running back Gaylon Bowser, quarterback Danny David, tackle Perry Bukowski, center Keith Adkins, and wide receiver Boo Jones on offense; Wayne Briggs and Craig Hancock in the secondary. All seven are seniors. Bowser was the league's leading scorer last season with 66 points, and he also ranked No. 2 on the rushing chart with an 81.8-yard average. Jones was second in kickoff returns (28.5 average), third in scoring (54 points), and fourth in receiving (52.4-yard average). David, in his first year as a college quarterback, threw for 1,191 yards to rank third in the league.

AUSTIN COLLEGE

(6-4) Mel Tjeerdsmas is shooting for his fourth straight winning season as the Kangaroos' coach, and he has a swift receiver in Otis Amy. But there is no proven passer in camp. A pair of juniors, Stacy Cody and Dean Gilbert, will try to fill the quarterback shoes of Todd Elliott, who won the league's offensive player of the year award three straight times.

Senior Scottie Worrell, the team's second-leading rusher (417 yards), returns. Amy hauled in 73 passes for 991 yards and five touchdowns to earn a berth on the NAIA All-America team. The versatile senior added 421 yards on punt and kickoff returns. Dean Colbert and tight end Derek Dooley bolster the receiving corps. Experienced hands up front include center Steve Nivin, guards Adam Haynes and guard John Nix, and tackle Scooter Nolen.

All-TIAA linebackers Matt Kyle and Kenneth Tatum spearhead the defense. Tackle Mike Nason merits special attention, too. Safeties Gary Don Wright and Bill Didlake are strong links in the secondary. Place-kicker David Goss booted 39 of 40 PATs and connected on 9 of 11 FG attempts.

SUL ROSS

(3-6) A season-ending 27-3 win over Texas Lutheran helped the Lobos salve their 1986 wounds. And Dr. Ralph Michell feels he has the right prescription to assure his team's complete recovery this season. Michell will build his third Lobo team around 48 lettermen and 18 returning starters.

With the departure of TIAA rushing leader John Lewis and starting quarterback Todd McVey, you might say the Lobos will need a stroke of luck to get their offense rolling. Luke Lucky could be just the man to fill the bill. He completed 52 of 103 passes for 758 yards and five touchdowns. Soph fullback Martin Bankston will handle most of the running load. Randal Collins snared a team-high 43 passes for 652 yards. Lyn Shackelford and Rickey Williams lend balance to the receiving corps. Four mainstays return in a line that allowed only 12 sacks: 260-pound tackles Larry Hartwick and Jerry Morgan, guard Chris Cummings, and center Damon Williams.

Tackle Darren Taylor is the ringleader on the defensive line. Joe Perrin and Robert Mitchell are at end. Junior linebacker Lawrence Montegut had a team-leading 92 tackles. Senior Francis Jones and sophomore Carey Pardue are in the secondary.

McMURRY

(4-6) The Indians showed an improvement of three games in the win column, and new grid chief Cliff Odenwald expects a continued surge from last season's returning crop of 16 starters. The team suffered an enormous loss with the departure of NAIA All-America line-backer Chris Joseph plus the top two running backs, Ricky Cullum and Vince McDaniel.

A pair of sophs, Kurt Ashmore and Chuck Ward, will battle for quarterback. Scott Reasonover, who missed last season due to injury, is the best ball carrier. Tight end Chuck Galbreath and flanker Butch Hegeman are skilled receivers. Hegeman had 34 grabs for 455 yards last season. John Davis and David Warner will alternate at split end. Veteran guard Hunter Ohlen is questionable after undergoing knee surgery, but guard Lance Adams and tackle Greg Robinson, who played center last season, furnish strong line play.

All-TIAA nose guard Iverson Godfrey is the leader on the defensive unit. Tackles Ben Martin and Chris Terry also have experience. Free safety Bobby Walker returns and strong safety Brad Danford is back after missing last season due to an appendectomy. Todd Redwine, the strong safety last year, has been moved to outside linebacker. David Moreland, Charles Spencer, and Terrell Gillespie shore up the linebacking. Geoff Simms is the punter.

HOWARD PAYNE

(0-10) Frustrated by not winning a game in their final season as a Lone Star Conference resident, the Yellow Jackets hope to be more competitive in their new TIAA environment. Jerry Millsapps begins his second season at the helm intent on shaking the slump with a squad that numbers 33 lettermen.

Eight returning mainstays paint a bright picture on offense. Heading the unit is Stuart Burleson, the team's top receiver (39 for 528 yards and five touchdowns). Jerrod Summers will get the nod at quarterback. Erwin Lewis is a capable ball carrier, averaging 4.1 yards last season. Center Alex DeLeon anchors the line. Other stalwarts include guards Jeff Neal and Andy Burrus, tackles Jeff Burrus (no relation to Andy) and Bill Day, with Chuck Bailey at tight end.

While the offense is expected to be improved, the defense shapes up as a weak point as only three starters return: tackle Ricky Sparks, end Michael Hearne, and corner James Taylor. If the newcomers develop quickly, the Jackets will have a chance to halt last year's frustration.

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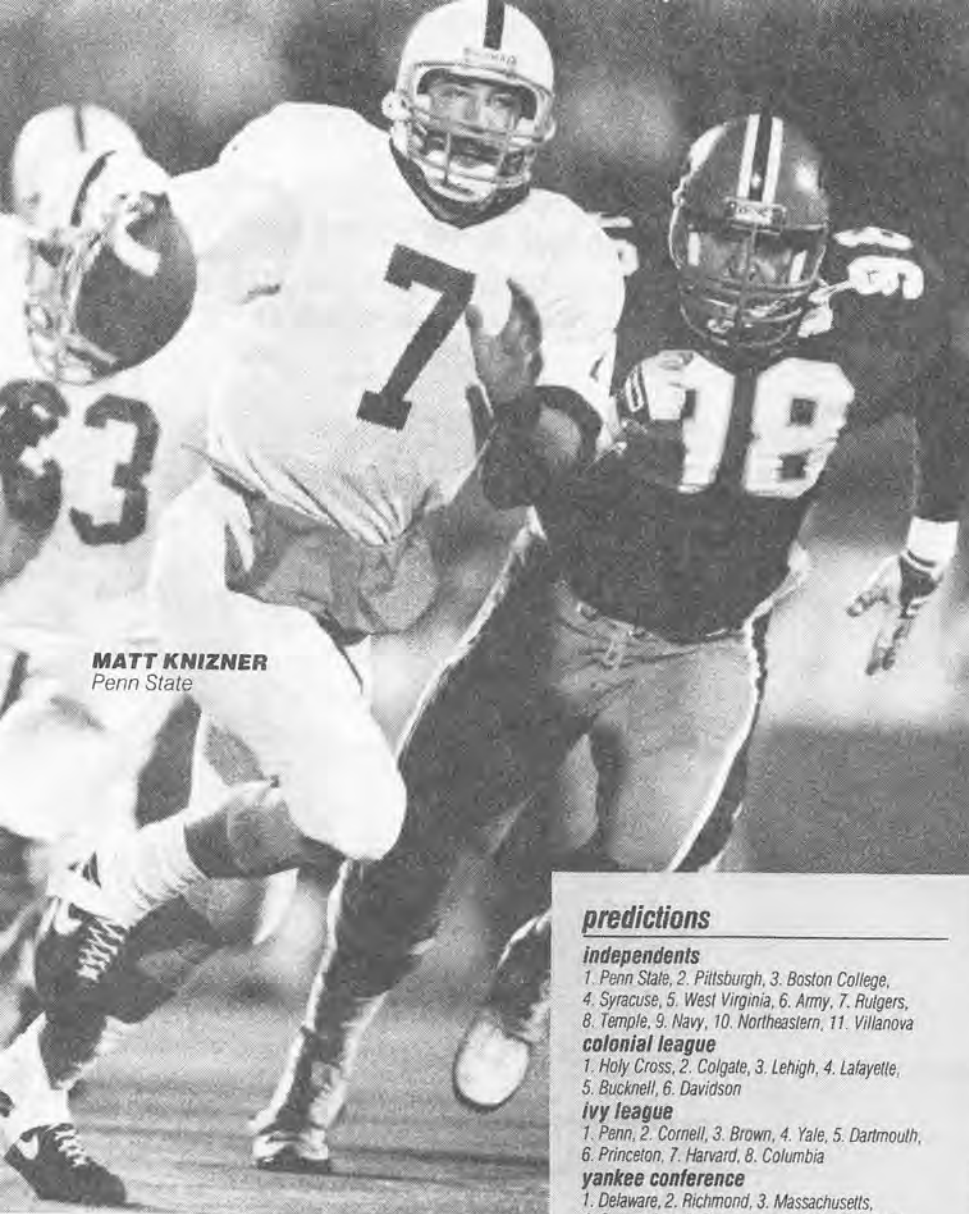
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Penn State

● The year after Penn State won its first national championship in 1982, it suffered three straight losses before fashioning a winning touch. Yet that 1983 team went on to compile an 8-4-1 record, including a 13-10 win over Washington in the Aloha Bowl.

A similarly staggering start doesn't seem likely this season as the Nittany Lions regroup to defend their second national title. Fifteen starters, including four All-Americans, and both kickers were graduated from the 1986 team that upset Miami, 14-10, in the Fiesta Bowl to wind up 12-0. But Joe Paterno, voted Coach of the Year for the fourth time, still has a heap of players with experience at virtually every position. For him, it's mostly a matter of "restocking" rather than "rebuilding." He calls the task exciting. He feels this team should be "decent." But he scoffs at any suggestion that it could be strong enough to challenge for the national championship. "We lost too many fine football players," he said. "Those were the guys who made the big plays." So he's planning a different approach in style while filling offensive and defensive lineups with several new faces. Paterno probably is more accurate than modest in writing off Penn State as title material. But the Lions will rule the roost in the East again and earn national ranking.

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perhaps the two biggest disappointments among the East Indies last season. Both look to happier Saturdays this time around, though. Coach Dick MacPherson still has Donnie McPherson, the region's top quarterback, and 15 other returning regulars at Syracuse. The chief concern is whether the rebuilt offensive line can develop into a strength. All-star candidate Ted Gregory keys a nearly all-veteran defense.

Linemen who shed weight for the sake of quickness and mobility and a new-look option offense are the major changes at West Virginia. Coach Don Nehlen, in his eighth year there, has turned the reins over to redshirt freshman quarterback Major Harris. There will be great-

predictions

independents

1. Penn State, 2. Pittsburgh, 3. Boston College, 4. Syracuse, 5. West Virginia, 6. Army, 7. Rutgers, 8. Temple, 9. Navy, 10. Northeastern, 11. Villanova

colonial league

1. Holy Cross, 2. Colgate, 3. Lehigh, 4. Lafayette, 5. Bucknell, 6. Davidson

ivy league

1. Penn, 2. Cornell, 3. Brown, 4. Yale, 5. Dartmouth, 6. Princeton, 7. Harvard, 8. Columbia

yankee conference

1. Delaware, 2. Richmond, 3. Massachusetts, 4. Connecticut, 5. Rhode Island, 6. New Hampshire, 7. Boston University, 8. Maine

little three

1. Amherst, 2. Williams, 3. Wesleyan

pennsylvania conference

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1. West Chester, 2. Millersville, 3. Bloomsburg, 4. East Stroudsburg, 5. Kutztown, 6. Mansfield, 7. Cheyney

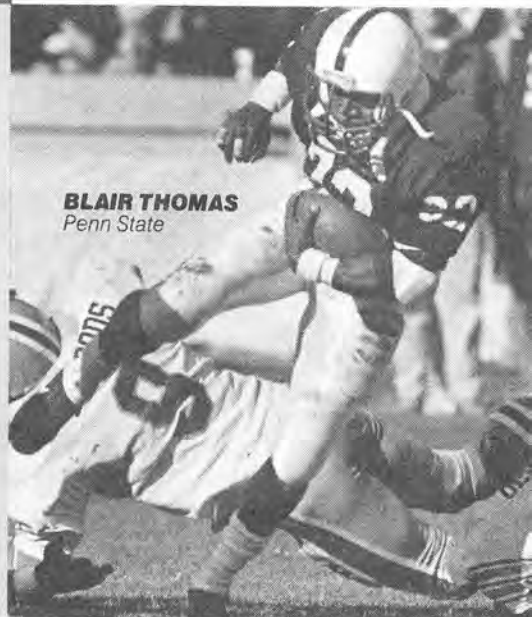
western division

1. Indiana, 2. Clarion, 3. California, 4. Edinboro, 5. Shippensburg, 6. Slippery Rock, 7. Lock Haven

Pittsburgh looks ready to roll in its second season under coach Mike Gottfried, following back-to-back 5-5-1 records. The Panthers are big, strong, and experienced with 45 lettermen, including 16 holdover starters. And like Penn State, Pitt has a favorable schedule, showing seven home games.

Boston College could be as strong as it was last year, when it went 9-3, but the record probably won't be nearly so good. Jack Bicknell's Eagles face one of the nation's most challenging schedules, with Notre Dame, Southern Cal, Tennessee, and Texas Christian as new opponents. B.C. numbers 11 returning regulars among its 41 lettermen from a team that upset Georgia, 27-24, in the Hall of Fame Bowl. It was the Eagles' fourth postseason appearance in five years.

Syracuse (5-6) and West Virginia (4-7) were



BLAIR THOMAS
Penn State

er emphasis on a charged-up running game, though the top five receivers are back. Thirty-eight lettermen give the Mountaineers an abundance of experience at every spot.

Those five teams clearly shape up as the strongest. But at least two of the region's other four Division I-A teams could surprise. Army hopes to improve on its 6-5 record of last year, with several of the 42 returnees having started some games. In senior Tory Crawford coach Jim Young has one of the most prolific wish-bone quarterbacks around. He rushed for more than 1,000 yards and scored 15 touchdowns as the Cadets captured the Commander in Chief's Trophy in 1986.

The outlook likewise is brighter for Rutgers, where coach Dick Anderson has 15 holdover starters and 25 other lettermen. The Knights appeared to be bowl-bound with a 5-2-1 re-

cord after eight games last year, but wound up losing the final three. They received a double blow in the spring when tailback Matt Prescott and middle guard Doug Kokoskie were lost for the season with knee injuries.

Temple faces a major rebuilding task following the departure of All-America tailback Paul Palmer, the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy. Coach Bruce Arians still has 44 lettermen, though, and thinks a stronger defense will help offset reduced production by the offense. The Owls were 6-5 last year and, with only four home games, will be fortunate to match that mark.

Nearly everything is new at Navy. Elliot Uzelac replaced Gary Tranquill as the head coach, in the wake of a 3-8 disaster, and promptly installed the wishbone offense. He spent the spring fitting new faces into numerous holes created by graduation.

Steadily improving Northeastern has set a goal of eight victories and the Division I-AA playoffs this year. Wishbone quarterback Jim O'Leary leads a ground game which was that division's most productive in 1986.

Villanova, the region's only other I-AA independent, could find tougher going with a more difficult schedule after winning 13 of 14 games in the first two years of the Wildcats' football rebirth.

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the Ivy League: Break up Penn! Is nothing able to quash the Quakers? The once raggedy football program produced a 10-0 record last year and a fifth straight Ivy title, tying the mark set by Dartmouth. Since 1982, the Quakers are 30-4-1 in league play. This year they go for a record sixth straight crown, and though they've lost 16 starters, they must be regarded as favorites to do so under second-year coach Ed Zubrow, who had a perfect rookie season.

Cornell, which finished one game behind Penn last season, should give it a good shot

again in its 100th year of football. The Big Red, however, must find some players quickly on offense, including a quarterback. Brown has second-team all-Ivy quarterback Mark Donovan back and a host of defenders from a good 1986 team. Yale, once the pride of the Ivy, is struggling to make it back into the first division. Veteran coach Carm Cozza could have his best offensive team in several years.

Dartmouth has a new coach in Buddy Teevens, a 1979 Dartmouth grad. He promised to "carry on a tradition." Princeton has a solid group back, Harvard is regrouping after only its third losing season since 1971, and Columbia is still looking for the light at the end of a very long tunnel.

The Colonial League is still an infant but already there are trends: Put Holy Cross at the top, Davidson at the bottom, and everyone else mixing it up in the middle. The Crusaders of Holy Cross, the league's first champion, are clearly the class of the six member teams. However, the league is competitive everywhere else except Davidson, which has won just one game the last two years and still hasn't scheduled all five Colonial opponents.

The Colonial League, begun only last year, has a star quality about it. Colgate tailback Kenny Gamble could become the leading rusher in Division I-AA history and Gordie Lockbaum, the two-way back at Holy Cross, finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting last year, the best among underclassmen. The league does possess some outstanding quarterbacks in Jim Given of Bucknell, Mark McGowan of Lehigh, Frank Baur of Lafayette, Jeff Wiley of Holy Cross, and Damon Phelan of Colgate. Each of the six teams returns more starters than it lost, so the league will have a similar flavor again this season.

Delaware may have been a new guy on the block last year, but it was an old nemesis to eastern opponents in Division II. That's why the Blue Hens' domination in the Yankee Conference came as no big surprise. The jump to Division I-AA wasn't a problem. Massachusetts and Connecticut had reason to feel they belonged because they ended in a tie with Delaware in the battle for the beanpot (all three teams finished 5-2), but when it came to picking the conference representative in the I-AA playoffs, the choice was easy: Delaware 41, UMass 13, Delaware 35, UConn 7. The Blue Hens went on to rip William & Mary, 51-17, in the first round of the playoffs before taking a 55-14 belting from Arkansas State in the semifinals.

Richmond, the other new member of the 39-year old football league, had a roller coaster season. But the Spiders figure to be right up there, along with UMass and UConn, in the league's upper half. Rhode Island, which went from a championship in 1985 to a disaster in '86, may be ready to come back strongly. The Yankee Conference will have nine teams in '88 when Villanova joins the pack.

Nobody has ever won seven in a row in the Amherst/Williams series, which is the nation's oldest small-college football rivalry. But don't go against Amherst when the teams meet for the 102nd time in November. Williams, which was boss of the Little Three for 10 years before Amherst started its streak, showed signs of coming back last fall when it battled the heavily favored Lord Jeffs before yielding, 10-7. With quality performers on both sides of the ball, it still looks like another Amherst year.

PENN STATE

independents

The Nittany Lions will be loaded with new faces and probably some different looks in playing style as defending national champions. Gone are 15 starters, plus the all-star punter and place-kicker, from last year's team that capped a 12-0 centennial campaign by upsetting Miami in the Fiesta Bowl. Penn State is certain to miss those big-play performers, 13 of whom were picked in the NFL draft.

Joe Paterno faces perhaps the toughest regrouping task of his 22 years as head coach in Happy Valley. He thinks there's sufficient talent, but he doesn't expect it to be strong enough to contend for the title. "There are too many really good teams around," he said.

Gone is John Shaffer, who guided the Lions to a 23-1 record in two years as the starting quarterback. Tailback D.J. Dozier, the school's second-leading all-time rusher, and linebacker Shane Conlan, No. 2 in career tackles, also have been graduated. Both earned All-America honors. But Paterno thinks Matt Knizner, backup to Shaffer, could become the "best quarterback in the East" as the 1987 starter. In spot duty the past two seasons, he completed 31 of 69 passes for 415 yards and two touchdowns. Seniors Ray Roundtree and Jim Coates head a swift and experienced cast of pass receivers. Roundtree has averaged more than 18 yards per reception in two seasons. Coates doubles as primary punt and kickoff returner. Other wideouts include speedsters Michael Timpson and Mike Alexander and senior Jerry Hug.

Taking over from Dozier as the starting tailback will be junior Blair Thomas, a powerful runner who averaged a school-record eight yards per carry last fall. A 92-yard run against Syracuse highlighted his 504-yard rushing total, and he also had a 91-yard kickoff return against Pitt. Either junior Sean Redman or sophomore Sean Barowski will open at fullback, where Tim Manoa and Steve Smith were a dandy duo last season. Other running backs include Odell Wilson, Greg Lott, and John Greene, formerly a defensive back.

Two starters return on the offensive line: senior tackle Stan Clayton (6-3, 265) and junior guard Steve Wisniewski (6-4, 260). Five other lettermen figure prominently in a reshaping of the interior. Senior guard Rich Kuzy (6-3, 246) and senior tackle Mark Sickler (6-4, 260) have some starting experience and senior Mike Wolf (6-4, 250) takes over at center. Other veterans bidding for playing time include tackles Stephen Davis (6-6, 280) and Tim Freeman (6-4, 263) and guards Ed Monaghan (6-2, 258) and Bob Vernaglia (6-2, 260). Either Paul Pomfret or Bob Mrosko will replace standout Brian Siverling at tight end.

Penn State lost seven starters from its intimidating defensive unit, including the terrific front three of Bob White, Mike Russo, and Tim Johnson, linebackers Shane Conlan and Don Graham, and backs Duffy Cobbs and Ray Isom. Senior Pete Curkendall (6-3, 260), who started two games last year, will become a regular at one tackle. Mitch Frerotte (6-3, 256), formerly an offensive lineman, is the likely starter on the other side. Senior Matt Johnson (6-1, 240) figures to be at nose tackle, but Aotao Polamalu, a 252-pound senior, could figure there if he recovers from a knee injury.

The return of spectacular starters Trey Bauer and Pete Giltopoulos makes inside line-

backing the chief strength of the defense. Both are seniors who were outstanding last year, ranking 2-3 in tackles behind Conlan. Gifopoulos was the hero of the Lions' Fiesta Bowl triumph with two interceptions, including a game-saving steal at the Penn State goal line. Senior Keith Karpinski and junior Quintus McDonald should move up to starting status at the outside positions.

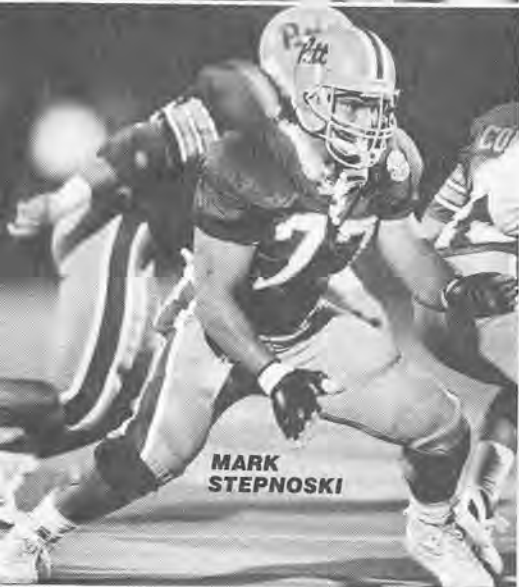
Cornerback Eddie Johnson and strong safety Marques Henderson return to the secondary. But Paterno has moved Henderson to free safety, with junior Sherrod Raigne or sophomore Brian Chizmar starting at his old spot. Senior Dwayne Downing is the probable starter at the other corner.

Chris Clauss is heir apparent to all-East punter John Bruno, a fifth-round pick in the NFL draft. Either sophomore Ray Tarasi or senior Eric Etze will take over the place-kicking from all-star Massimo Manca.

PITTSBURGH

The Panthers are on the prowl again. They expect to claw their way over the .500 hump after disappointing 5-5-1 records the past two seasons. Second-year coach Mike Gottfried has 16 holdover starters among 45 lettermen. Another excellent recruiting class will provide additional help. And Gottfried has to be happy with a slightly softer schedule that shows sev-

CRAIG HEYWARD
Pittsburgh



MARK STEPNOSKI

en home games, or one more than usual.

Sai Genilla bested Joe Felitsky in the spring for the nod at quarterback, where John Congemi started last year. Both are seniors. The ground game should be potent with 260-pound junior Craig Heyward at fullback and senior Charles Gladman at tailback. Heyward bulldozed for 756 yards and caught 29 passes for 361 yards last season. Gladman, who rushed for 409 yards, was a terror in the spring game with 142 yards and three touchdowns on just 12 carries. "He's quicker and his confidence is higher," Gottfried noted. Others who'll see action include tailbacks Doug Hetzler and Nate Heyward and fullbacks Matt LaVigna and Bill Fegley.

Junior Bill Osborn, last year's leading receiver (33 for 414 yards), is the returning regular at flanker, where he'll be backed up by Michael Stewart and Darrin Gillaspie. Sophomore Hosea Heard was the starting split end, but he must beat out Reggie Williams, who missed most of last season with a broken leg. Williams caught 17 passes for 239 yards in just three games before being redshirted.

Four of the five starters return to an experienced but still young offensive line. Junior Tom Ricketts (6-5, 275) remains at one tackle, with sophomore Chris Goetz (6-3, 260) the likely replacement for the departed Randy Dixon at the other. Junior Mark Stepnoski (6-3, 255) and sophomore Bill Cherpak (6-4, 268) will be the guards again. Senior Chip Backauskas (6-1, 263) is the starting center. Sophomore Dean Caliguire (6-3, 263) offers experienced flexibility by being available for duty at either guard or center.

Patchwork has been more difficult for Gottfried on defense. Gone are standouts Tony Woods, Walter Johnson, Lorenzo Freeman, and Steve Apke. Junior Burt Grossman (6-5, 240) will be joined by senior Jon Carter (6-5, 250) as the ends, with sophomore Cernel Smith a solid backup. Grossman included nine quarterback sacks among his 80 tackles last year. Smith blocked two punts. Junior Tony Siragusa (6-5, 255) is the only experienced tackle available. He'll probably pair with David DiTommaso (6-4, 257), who sparkled in the spring.

Junior Jerry Olsavsky, last year's top tackler, is an outstanding middle linebacker. Flanking him on one side will be returning regular Darrel Woods. There's a scramble for the other spot among lettermen Jerry Wall, Ezekial Gadson, Matt Bradley, and Vernon Kirk.

All-star candidate Billy Owens heads an improved secondary as a speedy, spectacular safety. Other backs include seniors Teryl Austin, Quintin Jones, and Gary Richard. Junior Troy Washington could earn starting status, while sophomores Marcus Washington and Robert Bradley and transfer Alonzo Hampton and Dan Crossman provide depth.

Sophomore John Rasp averaged 38.9 yards for 70 punts. Classmate Jeff Van Horne kicked 11 field goals in 17 tries and all 29 extra points.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Jack Bicknell did perhaps his best coaching job last season. He held the Eagles together during a shaky 1-3 start, then they responded with a school-record eight consecutive victories. They capped the 9-3 record with a 27-24 upset of Georgia in the Hall of Fame Bowl, B.C.'s fourth bowl in five years.

Graduation claimed quarterback Shawn Halloran, who passed for 8,252 yards and 42 touchdowns in his career, all-time leading rusher and scorer Troy Stradford, and all-time leading receiver Kelvin Martin (134 receptions, 2,377 yards, 28 touchdowns). B.C. also lost such outstanding linemen as All-America defensive tackle John Bosa, offensive guard Steve Trapilo, and center Darren Twombly. But Bicknell has 11 returning regulars and 30 other lettermen. The Eagles will have to be explosive on offense and stingy on defense to handle one of the nation's most challenging schedules. It includes Southern Cal, Tennessee, Notre Dame, and TCU.

Juniors Mike Power and Mark Kamphaus

BILL ROMANOWSKI
Boston College



came out of spring practice even in their battle for quarterback. Senior Jim Bell will take over at tailback with help from sophs Tracy Giles, who sat out last season after knee surgery, and Mike Sanders. Veterans Jim Turner and Jon Bronner give the Eagles big, powerful fullbacks. Senior split end Darren Flutie, the brother of former Heisman Trophy winner Doug, heads the receiving corps. He caught 35 passes for 531 yards and five touchdowns last year. Senior Peter Caspariello is a solid tight end. Other wideouts include juniors Chuck Gregory, Marcus Cherry, and Jim Deines and sophs Ray Hilvert and Chandier White.

Senior guard Joe Wolf (6-5, 270) will anchor the Eagles' traditionally tough offensive line. David Widell (6-6, 283), James Kwitchoff (6-5, 258), and Jeff Oliver (6-3, 274) are senior tackles with considerable experience. Another Widell—Doug, a 6-4, 277-pound senior—could start at the other guard. Juniors Bill Scavone (6-0, 263) and Brian Schoenle (6-3, 265) and sophomore Mike Ratigan (6-3, 257) will battle for center.

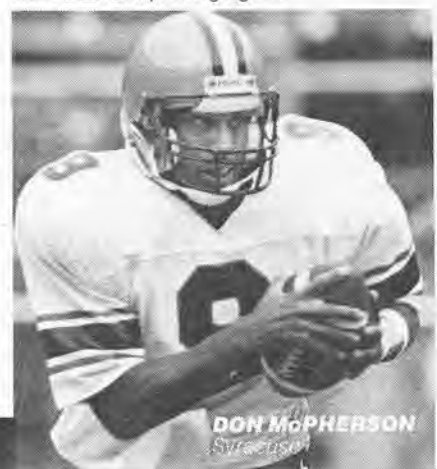
Solid linebacking, excellent ends, and a veteran secondary loom as the chief strengths on defense. All-America hopeful Bill Romanowski established himself as one of the nation's finest linebackers last year. He logged a staggering 142 tackles, including 19 in the bowl win over Georgia, and intercepted four passes. The other starting linebacker is senior Joe Galvin. Lettermen Mike Saylor, Ron Perryman, and Matt Kelley are experienced.

Seniors Eric Lindstrom and Bill Thompson form a terrific tandem at the defensive end positions. Senior Dave Nugent (6-3, 270) sparkled at middle guard last year but has switched to tackle as Bosa's replacement. Senior Karl Maier (6-2, 248) and junior Peter Gray (6-2, 237) will battle for the nod at middle

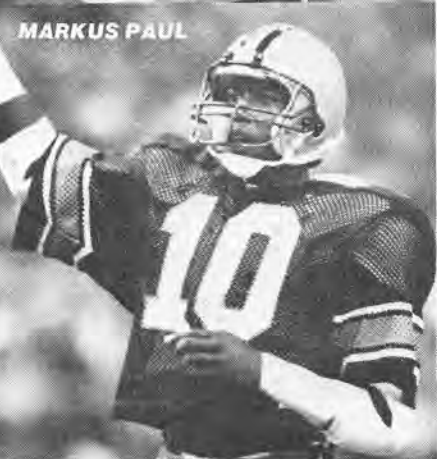
guard, with senior Mark Murphy (6-5, 256) and sophomore Dave Moore (6-6, 260) the top candidates at the other tackle slot.

Veteran cornerbacks Steve Williams (knee) and Gerrick MacPherson (shoulder) missed spring practice with injuries. But both are expected to be ready by September. Other returnees in the secondary include Vincent Munn, Ed Duran, Rico Labbe, David Thompson, and Dave Johnson.

The Eagles' kicking remains strong. Junior Brian Lowe set school records with 17 of 25 field goals and 30 of 31 extra points last year. The barefoot, soccer-style booter led the team in scoring with 81 points. Junior David Rooney will handle the punting again.



DON MCPHERSON
Syracuse



MARKUS PAUL

SYRACUSE

The Orange won five of its final seven games after losing the first four to finish 5-6 last season. That was disappointing for a team which figured to be among the top three in the East. Coach Dick MacPherson is hopeful of a stronger start this year, with 16 starters returning along with maturing members of his best two recruiting classes.

Dynamic Donnie McPherson has established himself as the East's top quarterback. The 6-0, 182-pound senior has passed for more than 3,000 yards and 24 touchdowns and rushed for 1,052 yards and 13 scores. In just two seasons as a starter, he has set nine school records. Gone is wide receiver Scott Schwedes, the Orange's all-time season and career leader in receptions and yardage. But McPherson still has some sure-handed targets with experience. Tommy Kane, the third-leading receiver last year despite missing four

games with a broken leg, has one spot. William Pennyfeather and Rob Moore face a challenge from redshirt freshman Robert Moore on the other side. Pat Kelly, second to Schwedes in receptions last year, returns at tight end along with backup Pat Davis. They caught 32 passes.

Robert Drummond has returned to tailback after a stint at wide receiver and is expected to be a standout. Junior Daryl Johnston (6-1, 238) remains at fullback with help from Chris Barnes. Orange fans are eagerly awaiting the debut of blue-chip running back Michael Owens. He was the 1985 Pennsylvania Player of the Year before sitting out the 1986 season.

The offensive line is a major area of concern. The only holdover starters are junior tackle Craig Stoeppel (6-4, 300) and senior John Garrett (6-1, 258), who has moved from guard to center. Sophomore Blake Bednarz (6-3, 281) likely will take over Garrett's spot after being voted ECAC Rookie of the Year. John Flannery or Chris Parks will start at the other tackle and Turnell Sims could be the other guard.

Nine starters return to a big defensive unit. Heading the group is Ted Gregory, who missed nine games last season with a broken leg. The 6-1, 260-pound senior is considered one of the nation's premier middle guards. Senior John Dominic (6-2, 255) will make room for a healthy Gregory's return by moving to tackle, where he will be joined by senior Paul Frase (6-5, 260). Robert Burnett and Mark Swinson also should see considerable action. Junior-college transfer Alain Greer is a quality backup to Gregory.

Terry Wooden, a spectacular soph, and Keith Friberg remain the outside linebackers. Derek Ward, the team's second-leading tackler, is inside. Redshirt freshman Roger Carges is heir apparent to the spot vacated by Tim Pidgeon, the top tackler in 1986. David Bavaro, who had offseason shoulder surgery, and Dave Sapienza are experienced.

Four of the top five defensive backs return. Junior free safety Markus Paul is an all-star candidate. Jeff Mangram will be at strong safety, with Chris Ingram at one corner and Jeff Buskirk a nickel back. David Holmes, Sean Whiteman, and redshirt freshman Rob Thomson provide depth.

Tim Vesling is one of the stronger place-kickers around. He booted 13 of 15 field goals inside 50 yards last season. He also was 28 of 28 in extra points, extending the school's record to 180 consecutive conversions since 1978. Only Alabama, with a current string of 194, has ever put together a longer streak in NCAA history. Replacing all-East punter Jim Fox will be former defensive back Cooper Gardiner or incoming freshman Ken Hawkins.

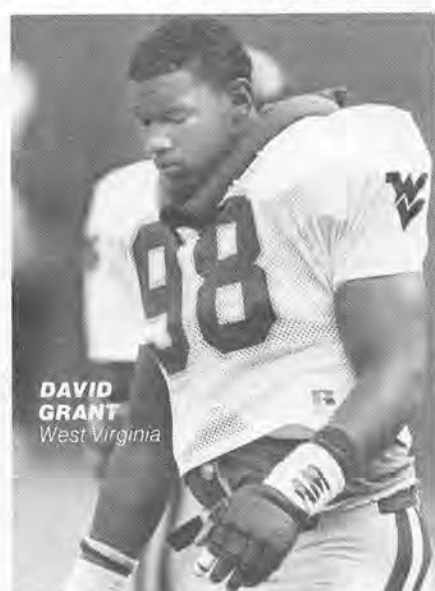
WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers shockingly hit upon hard times last year. Don Nehlen unexpectedly was saddled with his first losing record (4-7) since taking up the West Virginia reins in 1980. That two of the losses were to national champion Penn State and runner-up Miami was hardly any solace to the fans who had bought an all-time high 40,000 season tickets.

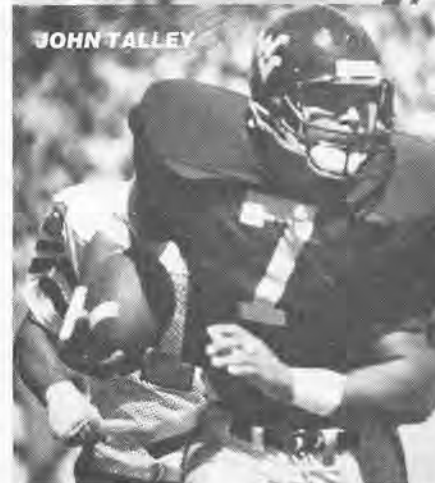
To make this a quicker team, all the interior linemen on both sides of the ball shed from 10-25 pounds during a rigorous offseason training program. Nehlen gave the offense a new look by switching to an option-style at-

tack with variations. It best suits the skills of Major Harris, a highly regarded freshman quarterback redshirted last season. He and another rookie, Browning Nagle, beat out holdover starter Mike Timko and another senior, Ben Reed. But Nagle decided in May to transfer elsewhere.

The running attack should be improved, despite the loss of starters John Holifield and Chris Pecon. A.B. Brown and Eugene Napoleon, both of whom transferred from Pitt, are big, powerful tailbacks with speed. They will share playing time with junior Undra Johnson, last year's leading rusher (652 yards), and senior Pat Randolph, who had his best spring ever. To fill the void at fullback, Nehlen moved



DAVID GRANT
West Virginia



JOHN TALLEY

6-1, 235-pound senior Gary Basil from tight end, where he started the past two years. Basil played fullback in high school. Junior Craig Taylor will be his backup.

While there's certain to be greater emphasis on the run, the top five receivers from last year are back. Split end Harvey Smith (28 receptions for 456 yards) and flanker John Talley (27 for 353) head the list. Other experienced wideouts are Calvin Phillips (20 for 289) and Grantis Bell. Junior Keith Winn faces a challenge from sophomore Adrian Moss for tight end.

Only one player was lost from the line. Juniors Rick Phillips (6-4, 253), Brian Smider (6-

4, 275), and Milton Redwine (6-4, 280) are the leading tackles. Bob Kovach (6-3, 260), John Stroia (6-4, 262), and Bryan Hendricks (6-3, 261) return at guard. But they're being pushed by redshirt freshman Dale Wolfley, whose two older brothers are playing in the National Football League. Junior Kevin Koken (6-2, 265) is the holdover starter at center, with Jeff Price the backup.

WVU's veteran defensive unit got a big boost with the addition of free safety Terry White. He transferred from Ohio State, where he earned all-Big Ten recognition in 1985. Nehlen calls him "a catalyst" who gives the secondary "a new dimension." Bo Orlando, Willie Edwards, and Preston Waters will be the other starting backs.

Up front, senior tackle Brad Hunt (6-2, 265) and middle guard David Grant (6-4, 265) are



three-year starters. Lettermen Mike Fox, Pat Marlatt, and Chris Parker provide great depth at tackle, with James Fuller backing up Grant at the "nose" position.

Despite the loss of top tackler Matt Smith, the linebacking could be even stronger. Robert Pickett returns at one outside spot, with junior Darren Whitten at the other. Rodney Wilson and Lonnie Brockman are also in the picture. Eric Lester and Darnell Warren remain the top inside linebackers, but sophomore Chris Haering and redshirt freshmen Ted Keser and E.J. Wheeler should see action.

The kicking game ought to be strong. Charlie Baumann has booted field goals from more than 50 yards. Punter Lance Carion averaged a gaudy 41.1 yards for 61 attempts as a sophomore last season.

ARMY

The outlook remains rosy on the banks of the Hudson, where coach Jim Young turned things around after installing the wishbone offense. The Cadets were 8-3-1 in 1984 and 9-3 in 1985, capping each season with a bowl victory. They didn't make it to the postseason last year, but swept chief rivals Air Force and

Navy to finish 6-5 and regain possession of the Commander in Chief's Trophy.

Most of the holdovers are on offense, where the line is far more mature than it was last year. Only three starters return to the defensive unit. Yet Young believes it's stronger up front and possesses greater overall quickness. The Cadets should like their schedule, too. Seven games will be played at West Point and an eighth, with Navy, at the traditional neutral site (Philadelphia).

Senior Tory Crawford will be directing the attack again. He topped all Division I-A quarterbacks in rushing last season with 1,078 yards, scored 15 touchdowns, and added a two-point conversion. Senior Andy Peterson is another stickout at fullback, where he ran for 623 yards. Gone are halfbacks Clarence Jones and Benny Wright, who combined for 1,284 yards and 11 touchdowns. Their likely replacements are Bill Kim and Ron Herring. Senior Mark Charette, who averaged 26 yards for 12 receptions, remains at tight end, ahead of junior Rob Horn and Tim Clouser. But the graduation of Benny White, last year's top receiver (18 for 317 yards), leaves split end up for grabs. Leading candidates include senior Eric Keltner, junior Chris Destito, and sophs Sean Jordan and Cameron Worsham.

Tackle Bill Schleiden (6-3, 250) and guards John Oleinik (6-3, 250) and Ken Goodlow (6-2, 255) anchor the line. All three are seniors who started in 1986. Senior Bill Ratliff (6-4, 250) probably will start at the other tackle slot. But there's a four-way battle for the center position among senior Craig Raymond (6-0, 220), juniors Frank Brunner (6-0, 240) and Mike Karsonovich (6-2, 245), and sophomore Carlton Rice (5-11, 242).

Young says the rebuilt defense "gave every indication it was coming on" last spring and will "dictate how we go on offense." Senior Ray Griffiths, who led Army in tackles, is the heart of the linebacking corps, with junior Chip England. Senior tackle Mike Lover (6-4, 255) sat out spring drills to rehabilitate a knee but should be ready to fill a starting spot again. Either senior Tom Mathers (6-3, 235) or soph Josh Haines (6-3, 245), converted from tight end, will get the nod at the other tackle. Juniors Greg Gadson (5-11, 205) and Charles Schretzman (6-2, 215) are the leading candidates at the ends. Vying for duty at middle guard are soph Willie Huff (6-0, 240) and Jim Ford (5-11, 220), who missed the final 10 games last year following knee surgery. Free safety Chance Connor is the only returning regular in the secondary. He intercepted four passes and ranked 14th nationally in punt returns with an 11.2-yard average. Seniors Dave Verdan and Chuck Williams will start at the corners, with senior Edrico Oliver and soph Yale Peebles at strong safety.

Both kickers return. Bit Rambusch did the punting (38.8) and most of the place-kicking (3-for-8 in field goals and 20 conversions). Keith Walker booted two field goals and 13 extra points in the final two games.

RUTGERS

The Scarlet Knights rebounded from an injury-riddled 1985 season by going 5-2-1 in the first eight games last year. But their hopes for a bowl bid were shattered in closing losses to West Virginia, Pitt, and Temple.

Fourth-year coach Dick Anderson still has 17 of his top 22 players from last year's offen-

sive unit. That number doesn't include Henry Henderson, the projected starter at tailback. He sat out most of last season with a chest injury but is healthy now. Senior Curtis Stephens returns at fullback, where he ran for 419 yards and caught 27 passes for 205 yards. Other experienced backs include juniors Dan Lipsett and Mike Botti and sophs Roland Banks and Dwight Giles. Redshirt freshman Jim Cannon sparkled in the spring. Junior Scott Erney will direct the multiple offense, just as he did after Joe Gagliardi suffered a career-ending injury in game five last year. He passed for 1,160 yards and six touchdowns in six games. Sophomore John Murphy will be the No. 2 quarterback. Senior tight ends Bruce Campbell and Greg Alvord combined for 44 receptions and 474 yards as juniors. Senior flanker Brian Cobb (368 yards) and junior split end Eric Young (331 yards) also return, along with backups Tyrone McQueen and Roy Hoover.

The Knights will miss all-star center Mike Dillon and three-year starting guard Lee Getz. To replace Getz, Anderson has shifted junior John Kutz (6-4, 250) from tackle. Senior Doug Strickland (6-3, 245) remains the other guard. The top tackles are sophomores Steve Tardy (6-5, 265) and Bill Hiros (6-5, 250), with junior Nick Urda (6-3, 235) moving up to center. Others certain to see action include senior Bill Dubiel (6-2, 240), sophomore Bill Milano (6-6, 250), senior Dan Marino (6-3, 240), and sophomore Bob Lowther (6-4, 245).

Doug Kokoskie was the only senior among five lettermen on the defensive line. Replacing the injured middle guard will be junior Carter Giles (6-2, 240), his backup in 1986. Senior Alec Hoke returns at one end, with senior Tom Duffy advancing to starting status at the other. Senior Chris Evans and junior Steve Hlavach are the backups. Junior George Bankos (6-4, 270) and sophomore Scott Miller (6-4, 250) will be the tackles after having combined for 12 starts last year. The departure of all-East Tyronne Stowe and Matt Bachman leaves a serious void at inside linebacker. Sophomore Pat Udovich, the only experienced hand, will become a starter, along with senior Chris Evans. Sophomore Bob Speidel and redshirt



freshmen Chris Pickel and Mike Conlan also will see action. Chris is the third Pickel to play at Rutgers, while Mike is a brother of former Penn State star Shane Conlan. Ten players earned letters in the secondary last season and all but two are back. Junior Derek Baker still is at free safety, with seniors Jean Austin and Sean Washington at the corners. Junior Darrin Czelczewski will inherit the strong-safety position. Glenn Miller, Barry Newman, and Vaughn McCoy are experienced.

Place-kicker Doug Giesler and punter Matt O'Connell return, but overall depth remains a concern to Anderson.

TEMPLE

Consensus All-America tailback Paul Palmer is gone. He led the nation last season in rushing (169.4 yards per game) and all-purpose running (239.4). He set a slew of school records and finished No. 2 in the Heisman Trophy balloting. Indeed, Palmer was the principal architect of the Owls' 6-5 record over a difficult schedule. Coach Bruce Arians knows you can't replace such a superstar. But there is an abundance of talent, with 44 lettermen returning. Those include seven starters on offense and just four on defense. Yet Arians says defense should be this team's chief strength. Alas, the schedule remains as difficult as ever, with only four home games.



MIKE HINNANT
Temple

Junior Todd McNair and sophomore Ventres Stevenson will share the tailback job. Sophs Tony Lerro and Matt Baker are pushing senior James Thompson at quarterback. Either Craig Sawyer or Sheldon Morris will take over at fullback. Split end Keith Gloster caught 23 passes for 568 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior. He'll head the receiving corps. Andy Garczynski and Mike Palys are the top contenders at flanker. Junior Chris Chambers and incoming freshmen Richard Drayton and Kevin McCoy also could make an immediate impact. All-star candidate Mike Hinnant is the tight end. He's a great blocker and an adept receiver (17 for 202 yards). Senior Pete Johnson and sophomores Maurice Johnson and Terry George are backups.

All five starters from last year's offensive line return. Senior Carl Holmes (6-6, 275) and senior Kevin Jones (6-4, 265) are the tackles. Junior Chris Possenti (6-5, 260) is at one guard, with junior Pete Bernard (6-3, 265) and senior Keith Dembo (6-2, 255) battling for the other. Senior John Incollongo (6-2, 280) has found a home at center since moving over from guard a year ago.

Arians is counting on a reshuffled line to key

the strengthened defensive unit. Seniors Rodney Walker (6-1, 250) and Mike Swanson (6-2, 260) will be the tackles. Senior Kirk Drukenbrod (6-1, 235) returns at one end, with junior Andy Pappalardo (6-4, 255) switching from tackle. Senior Mike Johnson, junior-college transfer Carnell Washington, and redshirt freshmen Kenyatta Rush and Mike Constantatos will push for playing time.

Junior Chris Eaddy has been moved from end to inside linebacker, his more natural position. Seniors Joe Possenti and Arturo Welton probably will be the starting inside linebackers. Senior Toren Schonyers, a standout last year as a junior-college transfer, will start at outside linebacker. Senior Lance Chisholm, who has some starting experience, will battle sophomore John Armstrong, a converted free safety, for the starting roverback position.

Graduation hit the secondary hard. Senior



KEITH GLOSTER

safety Eddie Parker is the only returning regular. Junior Joe Greenwood will start at one corner. Freshmen Gary Mobley, David Bell, and Clifton Phillips along with sophomore Willard Cooper are in the running at the other.

Sophomore Ed Liberati returns as the punter, having averaged 40.8 yards. Junior Bill Wright was 16-of-22 in field goals and 30-of-31 in conversions.

NAVY

The wishbone has done wonders for Air Force and Army, among others. Now the Midshipmen are hoping it'll help them turn things around. Elliot Uzelac installed the new offense in the spring after succeeding Gary Tranquill as head coach.

Uzelac has 27 lettermen from last year's squad, which won just three games. The entire defensive unit was wiped out by graduation, though. Six regulars also were lost from the offense, including quarterback Bill Byrne, who set 15 school records during his career. Senior John Nabors attempted just one pass last year but has emerged as the starter. Senior all-star candidate Chuck Smith rushed for 933 yards and 10 touchdowns last season despite injuries which kept him out of two games and parts of three others. He also caught 26 passes for 280 yards to rank among the nation's top 15 in both rushing and all-purpose running. Senior Don Hall, junior Paul Parker, and soph Rodney Brown also will see action. Senior Curtis Brown and sophomore Jim Kirk are the fullbacks.

Senior Troy Saunders, who caught 29 passes for 446 yards last year, has switched from split end to flanker. His old spot is up for grabs among sophs Lary Dickinson and Shane Smith and junior Carl Jordan. Either

junior Kevin Voss or senior Chris Mosher will start at tight end. Senior Joe Brennan (6-4, 284) and junior Brian McGoldrick (6-3, 267) will be the guards. Seniors Tim Brunn (6-5, 255), who started 10 games at guard, and Bruce Bennett (6-4, 254) are the tackles. Senior Matt Felt (6-3, 243) won the center job. Others with experience are Ingar Grev, Tim Hofacre, Mark Hagenlocher, Willis Herweyer, and Mike Kircher.

Uzelac thinks the defensive line should be adequate, but he's concerned about the linebacking and secondary. Junior Clark Nichols (6-1, 240) did an excellent job at middle guard in the spring. Junior Troy Holland (6-5, 245) and senior Mike Husser (6-3, 252) earned starting nods at the tackles. Soph David Lowe and junior Bill Moyer look the best of the outside linebackers. Junior Pat Donnelly was moved from fullback to fill one inside spot, with junior Mark Pimpo taking over the other. Safeties Curtis Irby and Mike Marchildon and cornerbacks Jim Chatfield and Paul Day have advanced to starting status.

Senior Andy Mueck again will do the punting for the Middies. Bob Sunderland probably will be the No. 1 place-kicker, with Ted Fundoukos his backup.

NORTHEASTERN

This is the year the Huskies hope to reach the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. They went from just two victories in 1985 to four last season. Now coach Paul Pawlak would like them to double that number in this his seventh year. With 46 returning lettermen, that appears to be a realistic goal.

Junior Jim O'Leary again will direct the wishbone attack, which rolled up 3,360 yards and 172 first downs on the ground last year. He was responsible for a school-record 884 yards and 10 touchdowns via the rush. Joining O'Leary in the backfield will be Mike White or Harold Scott at fullback, Ray Gee or Mike Blue and Brian Walker or Larry Smith at the halfbacks. White rushed for a record 204 yards in a 34-20 victory over Lehigh. Gee and Walker averaged five yards per carry.

With the ground game firmly established as the best in Division I-AA, Pawlak is pushing for a stronger passing attack. Split end Mike Williams looms as one of New England's finest receivers if he stays healthy. Senior Gary Lavoie returns at tight end with Tony Barbarite the backup. The line remains virtually intact with tackles Mike McElhenney and Kevin Slattery and guards Dan Stokes and Dave Lord. Toby Goode and Jim Slattery will share the center job.

Defensively, the Huskies must become stingier. "We did a good job on offense last year (23.6 points per game)," said Pawlak, "but we aren't going to make the playoffs if we're allowing the same thing (23.2)." Seniors Darin Jordan, Sal Lupoli, and Pine Bennett and junior Scott Bemis lead an experienced line. But the linebacking corps must be restocked following the departure of stickout John Butcofski, who had a team-high 101 tackles. Senior Bill Guidetti and junior Sean Burke are the top candidates. Barry Gray, Chris Demarest, Mal Haith, and Neal Johnson are starters in the secondary. To make it even stronger, Pawlak has moved Derrick Luby from wideout and Jeff Ferguson from running back.

Lance Gordon will do the place-kicking again and Bill Sansone returns as the punter.

east VILLANOVA

The Wildcats' football revival has been far more fruitful than anyone could have anticipated. They sport a 13-1-0 record for two seasons and are hopeful of similar success this fall before joining the Yankee Conference in 1988. Coach Andy Talley has 51 lettermen from last year's team that posted an 8-1-0 mark and set 20 individual or team records.

An offensive unit which averaged 445 yards and 34.8 points a game remains intact. Sophomore quarterback Kirk Schulz made a sensational debut in 1986, completing 61.9 percent of his passes for a school-record 1,964 yards and 16 touchdowns. Heading the all-veteran receiving corps is split end Bob Brady, who caught 45 passes for 695 yards and six touchdowns. Talley tags him one of the best receivers in the East. Junior tight end Jim Cashman excels in pass-catching (27 receptions, 373 yards) as well as blocking. Leading the ground attack will be junior tailback Ron Sency, who rolled up 625 yards for a 5.7 average last season. He was the leading scorer, establishing all-time soph highs with 60 points and 10 TDs. Fullback Gary Pascoe netted 544 yards. The Wildcats are big and strong up front, averaging 6-3 and 268 pounds, but Talley is looking for more quickness. Juniors John Fletcher (6-5, 275) and Dave Pacitti (6-5, 281) return at tackle, with juniors James Donaway (6-2, 258) and Paul Berardelli (6-2, 283) at guard, and senior Tony Corbo (6-1, 247) at center.

Eight starters return from a defensive unit which showed steady improvement. Those include junior Jon O'Brien (6-4, 233) and sophomore Paul Franco (6-4, 257) at tackle and senior Ted White (6-3, 270) at middle guard. Junior



Gordie

Lockbaum was just another handsome face at cornerback when he moved to tailback for Holy Cross. He made this move every time the ball changed hands. When Holy Cross played defense, Lockbaum played cornerback. When Holy Cross had the ball, Lockbaum moved to tailback.

Soon, everyone in the country took notice. Lockbaum was averaging 5.7 yards a carry and playing nearly every down. He played tailback, he played cornerback; he also played safety, nickel back, and returned kicks. He was the last of the iron men, who seemingly vanished with Chuck Bednarik and leather helmets.

Newspapers and magazines and television crews quickly discovered Worcester, Mass. Holy Cross finished 10-1 and Lockbaum was named first-team Division I-AA All-America on offense and defense. He finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting, the highest among underclassmen. He polled more first-place votes than anyone except Vinny Testaverde. Naturally, this spring, the autograph hunters prowled the Holy Cross practice field.

"One day at practice, a little kid was walking around asking 'Where's Gordie Lockbaum?'" Gordie Lockbaum said. "Someone pointed to me and I raised my hand." Asked to take his helmet off, Lockbaum did. The kid took one look, said "You're not him," and stalked away. You can't blame the youngster. It was one of the few times anyone has seen Lockbaum on a football field with his helmet off.

"Sometimes," said Mark Duffner, the Holy Cross coach, "we think we created a monster. Gordon wants to play every down of every game. He's like a caged lion on the sidelines."

Sometimes, Lockbaum gets his wish. Against Army last year, he was on the field for 143 plays. He eased off to 105 plays the following week against Brown. In five games he played in more than 100 plays, including 113 in the finale against Boston College. He played in 63 percent of his team's 1,559 plays in 1986: 1,005 plays, or an average of 91 a game.

"After the Army game, we were concerned about him. But he said he felt O.K.," marveled Duffner. "By God, he came back fine. He's a terrifically conditioned athlete."

Lockbaum finished the season with a team-high 827 yards rushing and a 5.7-yard average per carry and led Holy Cross with 57 pass receptions for 860 yards. His 22 touchdowns for 132 points led the nation in scoring. He had 46 tackles, two fumble recoveries, one sack, 21 kickoff returns for a 21.5-yard average, and a 3.15 grade-point average in economics.

"Take Lorenzo White [of Michigan State] and put him at Holy Cross, running behind

Holy Cross's line, and his stats wouldn't be any better than Gordon Lockbaum's," said coach Jim Reid of Massachusetts. "I think he's as good as anybody in the country."

Lockbaum, however, wasn't exactly a big fish in a small pond. He played on a Holy Cross team that finished 10-1 and was declared Division I-AA champ in the New York Times computer rankings, won the Lambert Cup, and earned for Duffner several coach of the year awards. And if you're wondering, yes, Gordon will play both ways again in 1987.

"It's one of those things, if it's not broken, don't fix it," said Duffner. "It was very successful for us last fall. The young man wants to continue it."

The wonder of it all is that Lockbaum has not broken yet. He is a solid 5-11, 195, but not overly fast. He alternates between offense and defense on alternate days in practice, and follows a similar schedule in meetings. But when it's his day to be in meetings with the offense, he will get to practice early to meet with the defensive coaches.

"If I can't practice, I can at least mentally get ready," he said. "It's something that has to be done. It's fine, it doesn't bother me." The toughest part of it all, he insists, is "standing on the sideline. At times, everything is tough about it, but at times nothing is tough about it," he said. "It comes very easy at the end of the week."

Now, about that Heisman Trophy. No one from Holy Cross ever won one. Few from Division I-AA get votes. Playing for a smaller school kept Cornell's Ed Marinaro, fullback-turned-actor, from winning it in 1971 even though he set an NCAA record with 1,881 yards rushing in only nine games.

Can a two-way iron man from a New England school other than Boston College that has little TV exposure muster the necessary votes to actually win the Heisman Trophy?

"I think he is the definition of what the Heisman Trophy is supposed to be," said Reid.

"He's an outstanding football player and a great student," said Duffner. "He should be a very valid candidate for the Heisman Trophy."

The unassuming Lockbaum ticks off a list of team goals before he will consider his candidacy. "It's an award supposedly offered to the best college player in the nation. So I don't see why it wouldn't be possible for somebody from Holy Cross to win it," he said. "But there's nothing I can do about that. I've just got to play my best and hope the people see me for the player I am."

Just as long as they don't ask him to take his helmet off.

Ed Bouchette

Josef Allen is a returnee at one outside linebacker spot, with juniors Richard Spugnardi and Bill Buckley holdovers inside. Veterans Xavier Hargrove and Brian Reed head the secondary. Chris Hunt and Jeff Sanders are leading candidates for the other two backfield spots. Art Condodina also could be in the picture after switching from tailback.

Paul Colonna and Todd Schaeffer will battle for the place-kicking job. Either Chris Hunt or freshman Perry Hodge will do the punting.

Despite the unusually large number of experienced players, Talley points out that the Wildcats are still young and maturing. And they face considerably tougher going this season, with seven I-AA schools on the beefed-up schedule. Opponents include Holy Cross, Richmond, Boston University, Connecticut, Northeastern, and Massachusetts.

colonial league

HOLY CROSS

Don't get the idea that Gordie Lockbaum plays two ways because Holy Cross doesn't have enough talent. The Crusaders were stocked with an abundance of skilled players last year as they roared to a 10-1 record and the Colonial League championship in coach Mark Duffner's first season. And they are loaded again in 1987.

Of course Lockbaum is back, both at tailback and in the secondary. The nation's leading scorer last year, though, can afford to take more breathers because his "backup" at cornerback, sophomore Dave Murphy, had seven interceptions last season and was all-Colonial League. Holy Cross returns 10 starters on an offense that produced 314 points. Joining Lockbaum in the backfield are quarterback Jeff Wiley, who passed for 2,464 yards, and fullback Tom Kelleher, who gained 746 yards, second to Lockbaum's 827. More firepower on offense comes from the receivers: all-Colonial split end Wally Dembowski, Rick Lane, a fifth-year senior who has played split end and flanker, and Lee Hull, who is a third-year starter at flanker. Randy Pedro could be outstanding at tight end. The offensive line features all-league guard Ron George, center Craig Clarkin, and tackles Jim Miller and Mark Stoy with a strong assist from Mike Savage. Dennis Golden is the other likely starter, replacing the only regular lost, Frank Kutschke.

The defense looks good again. Lockbaum, Murphy, cornerback Byron Dixon, and safeties Tom Ester and Mike Falite return in the secondary. The line is strong with tackles Andy Martin, a possible All-America, and Mike Jednak back along with ends Tom Smith and Jim Kelly. Ian Dowe can play any of the spots along the front. Gerry Trietley or Tom Gilardi will start at middle guard. Rob McGovern started only one game at linebacker but was third on the team in tackles last year. He's joined by Chris Maruca.

COLGATE

Colgate was stunned by its first losing season (4-7) in the last eight, but with All-America tailback Kenny Gamble and 13 other starters back, the Red Raiders of veteran coach Fred Dunlap should revert to form.

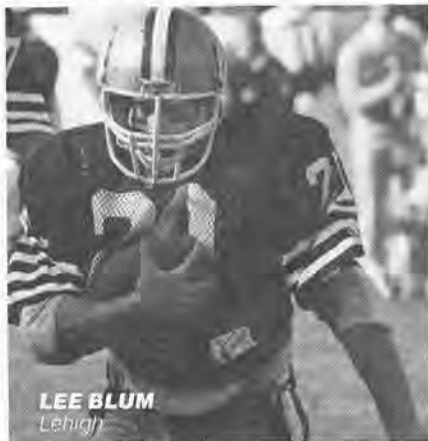
Gamble, a lightning bolt, led Division I-AA in rushing and all-purpose running. With 1,816 yards rushing he boosted his career total to 3,809, a Colgate record. Fullback Todd Buch-

ner was the second-leading rusher. Kyle Sanborn is the tight end. More good news: Damon Phelan is the first returning starter at quarterback in three years. Also, Buddy Brown was all-Colonial League at split end. The trouble for Colgate is its line, which has only one experienced starter in guard Brian Smith. With all that talent behind them, it is important for the new line to develop quickly. Likely regulars are Brian Fennell, Mike Cote, Dave Popen, and Chris Robinson.

The Colgate defense surrendered 40 points or more four times last season, but settled down late in the year by holding three of its last four opponents to eight points or fewer. Eight starters are back from the unit. Leading the way are linebacker Greg Manusky and defensive tackle Tony Khalife, both all-Colonial. Manusky led Colgate in tackles (162) and interceptions (5). Matt Jaworski, Dan Nole, and John Mody, all of whom started at one time, make linebacker the Raiders' deepest position. Joining Khalife along the defensive front are two other returning starters, Kyle Warwick at end and Brian Douglas at tackle. Nick Panos, Don Bedell, or Joe Hunt will also play end. The soft spot is in the secondary, where only cornerback Sheldon Spicer returns. Juan Dela Rosa has moved from linebacker to the other corner.

LAFAYETTE

Lafayette is banking on its defense to carry it through the 1987 season. With eight starters back, it looks like a good idea. But the Leopards allowed an average of 29 points a game while going 6-5 last season, and if they hadn't intercepted 27 passes, there's no telling how much worse it would have been.



Coach Bill Russo has a security blanket in his secondary. Strong safety Mike Joseph and free safety Dave MacPhee combined for 12 interceptions last fall. Two sophomores will be on the corners: Walt Johnston, who started half the games a year ago, and Dwayne Norris. The concern in the secondary is a lack of depth, with only junior Kevin Williams a backup with much experience. Both linebackers return: Horace Davis, a big-play senior who had four interceptions and three sacks in '86, and Mike Shumaker. Russo would like to keep an alignment of three down linemen with ends who can cover, rush, or play the run. Matt Higgins and Chris LaPietra are back at tackle. Bill Wagner and Keith Grant have the inside track at defensive end-outside linebacker.

The crucial factor on offense for Lafayette is quarterback. Watch sophomore Frank Baur.

He was redshirted last season after passing for 1,075 yards in just five games as a freshman. At 6-4 and 212 pounds, he has power and excellent leadership. He has two veteran targets back in split end Jim Johnson and flanker Phillip Ng. (Johnson and Ng, by the way, are former quarterbacks who completed touchdown passes to each other last season on end-around gimmick plays.) Kurt Bowman and Jim Adams will try to fill the void at tailback left by Bruce McIntyre. Rich Rizzo or Tony Miller will be the fullback. Center Andy Nygren is back but others in the offensive line have switched positions. Left guard Freddie Brown moves to tackle, Gerry Lofstead moves from blocking tight end to guard, and Dave Williams is new at guard.

LEHIGH

The Engineers could be the surprise of the league. They were only 5-6 in coach Hank Small's first year, but they won four of their final five and have a number of starters back.



The big question is who will be back at quarterback. Jim Harris started the first five games until mononucleosis felled him. Mark McGowan stepped in and was named the Colonial League Rookie of the Year after throwing for 1,589 yards and leading the league with a passer efficiency rating of a whopping 137.1. He passed for 397 yards in the last game while playing with a broken left wrist. Tailback Lee Blum rushed for 849 yards and also led the team with 40 pass receptions. Fullback Rich Curtis also excelled as a receiver out of the backfield. One of the top two flankers, John Gorman and Steve Ellis, could wind up as the split end. The lines on both sides of the ball are Lehigh's major concerns. But 6-7, 280-pound offensive tackle Kent Weaver is a nice rock to build upon. Also back are guards Lou Chiarito and Aaron Frantz. Bill McCarthy is the new center.

Nose guard Don Ferrell and tackle Pete Pawlenko return on the defensive line, where Lehigh must rebuild quickly to avoid a repeat of last year, when the Engineers gave up an average of 378 yards a game. Both outside linebackers, Chris Hite and Mike Petersen, will also be new. Kevin Rife is back on the inside. The secondary is experienced. Cornerback Terry Williams was the team's best defensive back last season. Steve Banco and Glenn Comisac switch places this year, with Banco, who had seven interceptions in '86, moving to free safety and Comisac to corner. Gregg Wolfson takes over at strong safety, where he started four games a year ago.

Kicker Mike Beattie set a Lehigh record with 72 points last year, making 15 of 22 field goals along the way.

east BUCKNELL

This could be a breakthrough season for Bucknell, which hasn't had a winning one since 1976. George Landis, who took tiny Bloomsburg from winless to a national power in five years, put his system in gear at Bucknell in 1986, when the Bison went 3-7.

Sixteen starters are back from that team, including quarterback Jim Given, who was honorable mention All-America. He completed nearly 60 percent of his passes for 2,167 yards, and the Bisons are pinning much of their hopes on his arm. George Long and Chuck Kutz are the wide receivers and 6-3, 214-pound tight end Scott Lillis was a frequent target in '86. The running game is a problem area for Bucknell, which averaged only 50 yards rushing a game last season. Junior Steve Weiss is the only tailback with experience, and he had only 49 carries. The three top fullbacks are gone. The offensive line is virtually intact but not particularly big. Greg Gaines (253) and John Gardner (254), who switched from center, are the tackles. Chris Obers (238) has moved from tackle to guard and Ed Foley (250) from guard to center. Dan Meenan (242) remains at guard.

The line on the other side is more dominating but also small. Tackle Harry Buell (232) is one of the best players on the unit. Rob Canestrari (237) will play at nose guard and tackle. Others to look for along the front are Bill Levine (244), Walter Reese (235), and Mark Williams (246). They are backed up by a good linebacking crew, led by inside backer Greg Schiano, an all-Colonial pick. Andy Henry, the other inside linebacker, will be the third member of his family to start at Bucknell in the past decade. The outside linebackers are Chris Hackley and Steve Brown. Jim McCloy moves from safety to rover and John Carey from cornerback to safety. Robert Hawkins, who had five interceptions last year, and sophomore Alvin McCoy are the corners.

DAVIDSON

Coach Vic Gatto is finding the rebuilding process a slow one at Davidson. In two years, his record is 1-19, including 0-9 last season. The Wildcats were outscored 406-109, and out-rushed 2,534-326 yards.

The 1986 roster included 30 freshmen who received much playing time. More is expected of them this year. One, Peter Hughes, will be the quarterback after starting several games in '86. Another, Brian Kelly, is the fullback. Senior Aaron Edwards, a good receiver out of the backfield, will be back at tailback. The two running backs combined for just 214 yards last year. Michael Gross is the split end and Bryan Overcash the flanker and punt returner. Gatto will ask a big favor of most of his linemen. He wants them to play both ways. Among the candidates are Gat Caperton, Jeff Blanton, and Pat Currie. In fact, every player on Davidson's roster except quarterback Hughes is listed at positions on both offense and defense.

"We don't have many players coming back with a lot of proven ability," Gatto says. "Most are young and we have to see where our best players are."

If the Wildcats have a strength, it is at line-backer, where Ken Nazemetz is the leader. Howard Humphries and Ray Boyet play alongside him. Other top defensive players include cornerback Steve Neff and safeties Jim Ruark and Harry Schiavi.

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PENN

It is a measure of Penn's strong football program that with just three starters back, the Quakers are still considered the class of the Ivy League. It is also a measure of second-year coach Ed Zubrow that he is not using the heavy losses as an excuse.

"I believe that there are enough talented players prepared to step up and meet the challenge ahead," he said.

Senior Chris Flynn is one of those players. Incredibly, Flynn has always been a backup even though he rushed for 917 yards last season and his 1,430 career yards rank seventh on the all-time Penn list. He didn't start because the Quakers had Rich Comizio, who gained 1,104 yards at tailback. But Comizio is gone and the field is clear for Flynn, who could be breathtaking as a starter. Fullback Joe Laurano returns to start after missing much of the season with a knee injury.

A lot of pressure will be on the running backs early because Penn has an inexperienced line and a new quarterback. Dan McNally is the only letterman among the quarterbacks, of which there are six candidates. The line lost four starters and the top two backups. Heading the cast of returnees is left guard Chris Wilkins. John Zinser moves in at right guard. No less than seven players could start at tackle. Tom Gizzi is the new center. Giving the line an experienced hand is all-Ivy tight end Brent Novoselsky, a two-year starter who should also pull in All-America votes. Penn also has experience at wide receiver in the return of Ken Saunders and Tom Joyce.

The defensive line, like running back, is deep. Tackle Mike Lista is a great one. The other linemen include Ross Parsons, John Galik, and nose guard Mike Graves. Outside linebacker Brad Hippenstiel is the only returning starter among the four linebackers. Derrick Crowther had an outstanding season with the freshmen and could start on the other side. Cornerback Donald Wilson is the only hold-over from the secondary.

CORNELL

Cornell's success, at least early, will depend on its defense, which returns six starters from last year's 8-2 team under coach Maxie Baughan. Three players return as starters for the third season in the secondary, including all-Ivy cornerback Mike Raich, who returned a blocked punt and an interception for touchdowns last season. Safeties Jeff DeLamille and Brent Felitto round out the familiar trio in the secondary.

The Big Red is stocked with good outside linebackers, including Mike McGrann on the left and Len Tokish and Mark Baughan on the right. Mike Farley is the middle linebacker. All-Ivy tackle Gary Rinkus anchors the defensive line. Experienced senior Rick Calhoun is the other tackle and two more seniors, Mike Texido and Stuart Tross, are the ends.

If Cornell's inexperienced offense can develop quickly, it could be a very good year for the Big Red. The best part of the offense, where only three starters are back, are the wide receivers. Shaun Hawkins and Chris Hahn are gifted pass-catchers. Hawkins set a school record by averaging 22.5 yards a reception. Sam Brickley and Steve Lutz make it a deep position as well. The backfield is not so deep and for the first time in five years, Cornell

does not have a proven performer there. Scott Malaga, who can also play halfback, will start out at fullback. Tim McDevitt gets first crack at halfback. A handful of quarterbacks are fighting to start after the top two graduated.

The offensive line lost plenty, too. Senior Lee Reheman, who is 6-3, 276, returns at tackle with new faces as his linemates. They include right guard Doug Langan, who started a few games, and left guard Mike Haseltine. John Sieger or Jeff Navarre are two other tackles who will play.



CHRIS FLYNN
Pennsylvania

BROWN

As Brown coach John Rosenberg says, "The return of the quarterback and the running backs are strengths where you want to have your strengths." Having second-team all-Ivy quarterback Mark Donovan back along with tailback Lane Wood and fullback Jim Kurp puts Brown in the pink.

Donovan, who is 6-4, 200, set a Brown record with 15 TD passes. Now he must find a new target because all-Ivy wide receiver Dave Fielding is gone. Tommy Smith and Mark Thompson, however, are sprinters on the track team who give the Bruins speed at wide receiver; converted tailback Jamie Simone, who had 12 catches out of the backfield in '86, gives them experience.

There's the bloodline, if not experience, at tackle where Joe Madden, son of former Oakland Raiders coach John Madden, starts. George Pyne, a transfer from Holy Cross, could be a great one at the other tackle. Jim Anderson is an experienced guard and George Pfeffer steps into another guard spot. John Cuzzo takes over at center.

Seven starters return on the Brown defense, including two all-league players, tackle Bill Perry and end Jeff Watts, for what could be the best defensive line in the Ivy League. Pat Russell is the other tackle. Seven of the eight top defensive linemen are back from '86.

Tyler Wolfram made a nice transition from the secondary to an inside linebacker last year and the experience will serve him better this season. Leon Lewis or Kaz Bilinski will join him. Wolfram was able to make the switch because the secondary is so well-stocked.

Walt Cataldo is the heart and soul of a veteran bunch. He was all-Ivy at free safety. Scott McCaleb is a solid corner and Darryl Hegans is ready to step in on the other side. Greg Kylish is the strong safety.

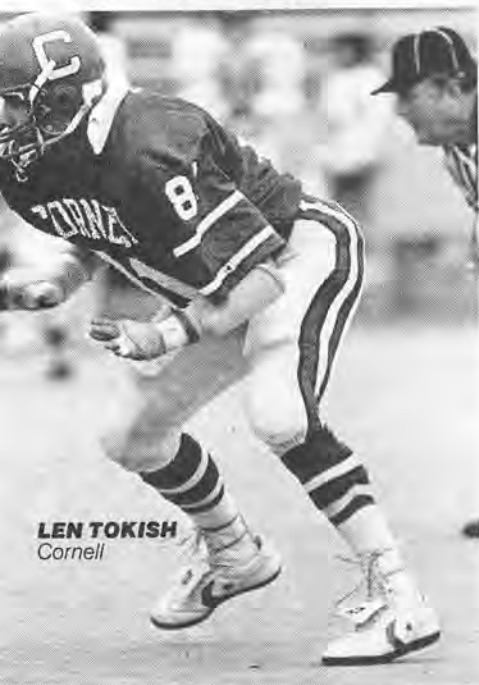
YALE

Yale won three straight Ivy League titles and five of six between 1976 and 1981, but it's been mostly the second division since then. The Elis have had only one winning season among the last five. Coach Carm Cozza is counting on a heap of returning talent and some strong youngsters from a 5-1 freshman team to put Yale back on top.

If quarterback Kelly Ryan can add a clean bill of health to his other assets, the offense should be in good shape. An injury to his left knee knocked him out of the first game and held him back all year—but not enough to prevent him from passing for 1,739 yards, a Yale record. He has support in the backfield from tailbacks Kevin Brice and Mike Stewart. Brice averaged 5.1 yards a carry and Stewart is a big-play man who has played four different positions. Fullback Troy Jenkins is a solid blocker in the I-formation.

Tight end Dean Athanasia has led Yale in receptions the last two years and is 17 catches shy of the school record. The one-two punch of Bob Shoop and Rich Schulte puts the receivers in good hands. In the line are Art Kalman, a 6-7, 285-pound tackle, and 265-pound guard Jeff Rudolph.

Yale's problems will be on defense, where only three starters are back. Linebackers must develop quickly. Don Lund started some games and will go full-time this year. Todd Cowan, who took the '86 season off, is back.



LEN TOKISH
Cornell

Mike Barry moves from middle guard to inside linebacker. Chuck Bray and Ned Dooley are on the outside. On the line, Bret Schulte showed occasional brilliance at middle guard. The most experienced tackles are Malcolm Frank and Jim D'Onofrio. David Sullivan, who led Yale in interceptions, is back at safety. Buddy Zachery and Peter Helland join him in the secondary.

DARTMOUTH

Buddy Teevens, 30, is the new coach at Dartmouth, which has won an unprecedented 13 Ivy League titles, but none lately. Last year the Big Green finished fourth with a disappointing 3-6-1 overall record. Thirteen of the top 22 players return, however, and there is renewed hope with Teevens.

The new coach favors an open offense, but first he must find a quarterback to run it. Tom Shakeshaft, a backup, passed only 13 times last season. The quarterback has a built-in asset in wide receiver Craig Morton, a sensation last year with 4.4 speed and an average of 24.2 yards a catch (1,063 yards). Tight end Matt Drury wasn't bad himself, catching 29 passes for 409 yards (14.1 average). On most teams, junior David Anderson would already be a star at wide receiver. He, Morton, and Drury make juicy targets for the new QB. Halfback Chris Pollard and fullback Terry Phillis add punch and David Clark made noise at tailback on the freshman team. Lee Overstreet and Rick Hill are at tackle. Others to watch in the line are Lance High, David Gazzaniga, Brian Janssen, and Stanton Green.

The defense could be Dartmouth's strong suit, starting with the secondary, where all four starters return and seven of the top eight. The starters are Brett Matthews, Rob Combi, Scott Sims, and Andy Russell. Matthews led the team in tackles. The tackle tandem of Ish McLaughlin and Brent Frei returns intact, too. Derek McDowell adds depth at tackle. The Big Green must find some new linebackers, however, because all four starters are gone. The new ones are Chris Balish, Kevin Cooper, Paul Michael, Joe Raver, and Paul Sorensen.

PRINCETON

Princeton, 2-8 last year, will be bolstered by the return of 11 starters, not to mention the three Garrett brothers—Jason, Judd, and John. Jason was a good quarterback on Princeton's '84 freshman team before he transferred to Columbia in 1985 to play for his father, Jim, the Lions' first-year head coach. Judd, a halfback, and John, a receiver, also joined Columbia. But when Jim was fired after one year at Columbia, the three brothers packed their bags for Princeton and all are eligible this season. Jason is the starting quarterback and has a strong backfield with fullback Jerry Santillo and halfback Greg DiFelice. Joining John Garrett is Jeff Baker, Princeton's top pass-catcher.

The biggest problem for coach Ron Roger is the offensive line, which lost three regulars since last year. Tackles Andy Johanni and George Sarcevic started some because of injuries and will move in full-time. Mark Seilhamer and Josh Chambers are the guards. The new center is Dave Blazejewski. Doug Struckman and Mark Rockefeller are two good blocking tight ends.

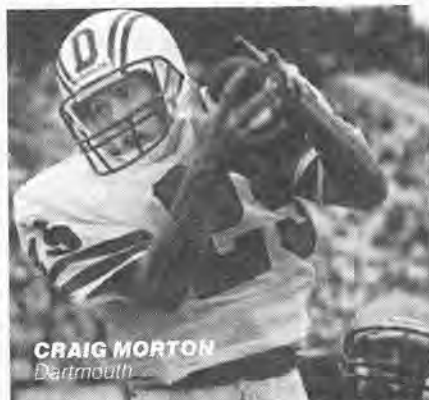
The defensive line is strong on the right side with end David Rose and tackle Rob Vanden Noyen. Bart Stoehr should start at left end. End Rick Emery set the freshman team on fire as its top defenseman last season and could shove his way into the starting lineup. The linebackers are in solid hands with captain Matt Whalen and middle linebacker Pete Milano. Mike D'Emilio and Ray Ryan are also on the outside. The Tigers have one of the best free safeties in the East with Dean Cain, who needs two interceptions to tie the school re-

cord of 12. He was also the team's leading tackler in '86. The cornerbacks are Sean Brennan and Mark Feuerer.

Rob Goodwin is the best place-kicker in the Ivy League and led Princeton with 37 points last season.

HARVARD

Harvard coach Joe Restic has had only three losing seasons since 1971 and last year (3-7) was one of them. The Crimson hopes to get out of the red in '87 behind bigger offensive and defensive lines. The offensive line, small in the past, is the largest at Harvard since '83, with center Tony Consigli and tackles Maurice Frilot and Steve Eilers. Shawn Sensky should fill one guard post. After that, most of the faces are new on offense except at the most important spot—quarterback. Tom Yohe returns, which is important because of Harvard's complicated multi-flex scheme. Bob Glatz is the halfback. Tony Hinz is an atypical Ivy fullback



CRAIG MORTON
Dartmouth



MIKE STEWART
Yale

who isn't big and bruising but quick and versatile. Restic has his fingers crossed that Rufus Jones, who missed last year with a knee injury, returns at halfback to provide more speed. He has similar hopes for end LaMont Greer, who was hurt last season. Neil Phillips is the other wide receiver.

The strong defensive line consists of tackle Greg Williams, ends Don Peterson and Kevin Dulsky, and junior tackles Jim Bell and Tom McConnell. Kris Thabit and Rich Mau are the new linebackers. Jose Razo and Greg Ubert will also get good looks at linebacker. Don Heberle made the transition from split end to cornerback last year and should be more comfortable at the position. Free safety Bryan

Gescuk joins him in the secondary, but the others are inexperienced.

Harvard lost 15 starters but played plenty of sophomores last season, which is not typical of Restic teams. If those sophomores continue to improve as juniors, Harvard could move up where it used to be in the Ivy League.

COLUMBIA

Larry McElreavy recently repeated what other Columbia coaches have said: "Last year is behind us." History, though, keeps repeating as well for the Lions, who have lost 31 in a row. The freshman team showed promise and more wins with a 3-3 record than Columbia varsity teams have seen, combined, in years.

The defense, which yielded an average of 460 yards a game, should be improved through experience alone, beginning at linebacker with George Gianfrancesco, John Alex, and Brian O'Connell. Mike Pyle, a transfer from the Air Force Academy, should help. Bart Barnett, the frosh MVP, could be a big factor. Mark Zielinski and Kirk Ruddy are back at end with a host of good sophomores. Middle guard Matt Sodl heads the interior. Others there include Tony Natola and Mike Pietkiewicz.

McElreavy expects the Columbia secondary to be its best in years. Paul San Filippo is strong at weak safety. Mike Holt could move in at strong safety after an excellent freshman season. The corners are Walter Haynie, Mike Seidewand, Terry Elliott, and Mike Casey.

Quarterback is a problem. Dave Putelo and Chris Della Pietra shared the position last year. The running backs are also unsure. Durc Savini is trying to overcome a severely pulled stomach muscle. Sophomores to watch are Chris Konovalchik and Ashley Hernandez. The receivers are on more solid footing with Homer Hill and Terry Brown. A sophomore, either Brent Byerly or Andy Glenn, will start at tight end. The line looks better than a year ago. The best are guard Paul Childers and tackle Bennie Seybold. John Miller, who was hurt last season, joins Jim Taylor at center.

Sophomore Matt Pollard gives a boost to the Columbia kicking game. He had two field goals beyond 50 yards for the freshmen and punted for a 38-yard average.

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DELAWARE

O.K., Rich Gannon, quite possibly the greatest quarterback in school history, is now looking for a job in the National Football League. But coach Tubby Raymond never leaves the cupboard bare. There are three juniors around, including 6-2, 185-pound David Sierer, who saw playing time last year. Craig McCoy, a 6-4 transfer from Penn State, has shaken mononucleosis and is ready to battle for steady work. All-conference center Chris Coyne returns to a line that blocked for an average of nearly 430 yards and 30.9 points per game. Others with starting experience are tackle Mike Hudy and guard Nick Bitsko.

The Hens also lost their best halfbacks in Bob Norris and Fred Singleton. But upperclassmen with speed and experience still around are Randy Holmes, Randy Lanham, Shawn Kelley, and Mike Pinkett. Giving stability to the wing-T are Tim Healy and Gregg Panasuk, the fullbacks who shared the position a year ago. There'll be new starting receivers. The best at tight end are John Yergey, Ed Michaels, and converted guard Pat

Lawn. In spring drills, All-America cornerback Ken Lucas was getting work at end. Another possible switch was sophomore John Gilman from the secondary.

On defense, Raymond is most pleased with his linebacking corps. All-America Darrell Booker, the team's all-time tackler, along with Jeff Borkoski and Mike Greig give the position a superior look. Even Raymond, in his typical conservative approach, admitted, "I would like to feel we have a chance to win the Yankee Conference again."

RICHMOND

The Spiders, like the Delaware Blue Hens, lost a record-setting quarterback in Bob Bleier. Sophomore Chad Grier saw duty in five games a year ago and impressed with his 71.4 completion average. If he needs help, redshirt freshmen Larry Spelman (6-4, 215) and Jeff Snead (6-5, 185) are on hand.

Running back may be the deepest position on the team. Junior Erwin Matthews heads the class at tailback, with sophomore Brian Robinson and redshirt Eric Hopkins ready to show their speed. T.J. Morgan leads the chase for the starting fullback job, with sophomores Keith Wilson and Sam Yaffa pushing hard. Junior Mike Cerick and sophomore Jeff Ey are the top candidates to replace the graduated All-America tight end John Henry. The most experienced wide receiver is senior Johnnie Ealey. Other deep threats are sophomore Marvin Hargrove, who averaged 18 yards per catch last year, and freshman redshirt Curtis Jefferson. The four line returnees are center John Aaron, tackles Courtney Williams and Howard Fahnestock, and guard Mark Bell.

There is concern on defense, where key people are gone from the line and at linebacker. But the secondary, which was vulnerable a year ago, should be highly improved. The returning starters are Tony Butler, all-Yankee Conference cornerback Brian Jordan, and Mark Aucker. Another plus is all-YC punter Jeff Olivo, who had a 39.1 average.

The Spiders will know their fate early. Before September is over, they will have met last year's leaders Delaware and UMass.

MASSACHUSETTS

Sophomore head coach Jim Reid doesn't mind conceding that winning his first three games by a total of eight points might have been the kind of beginner's luck you can't always count on. But Reid isn't discounting another title-winning year. "Our big problem is youth—we're very young on both lines. But we feel we're very solid in the backfield."

Reid will be starting the year with senior Dave Palazzi at quarterback, but junior Tim Bryant also will be ready. Bryant, who started eight games last year and completed 51.7 percent of his passes, wasn't available for spring work because of a non-football ankle injury. Palazzi, who never regained his touch last year after recovering from a shoulder separation, was the team's top producer two years ago. With both healthy, the UMass offense has strong potential. Tailback Kevin Smellie, the team's second-leading rusher last year, is back. Also returning are Chip Mitchell and Ted Barrett, a proven runner who missed last season because of surgery. Veteran receivers are split end Dan Rubinetti and tight end Mike Kelley, who is coming off a series of physical problems. The offensive lines will be led by all-YC center Pete Montini, but there

are holes to fill at guard and tackle.

All-New England linebacker John McKeown, along with Vito Perrone and Todd Rundle, add stability to the defense. Cornerbacks Kirk Williams and Andrew Thomas and free safety Scott Brown are other returning starters.

CONNECTICUT

No other team in the Yankee Conference can boast of as many returning starters: the Huskies have 20 back from last year's group, which closed fast for an 8-3 overall record. "We anticipate that the Yankee Conference race will be another battle which extends from the first week to the very last weekend of the season," said Tom Jackson, last year's YC coach of the year.

Defensively, the entire first string is intact. It figures to be led by senior middle guard Nate Cotton, senior linebacker Mike Jansen (team-leading 139 tackles), and all-New England strong safety Scott Daniels.



DAVE PALAZZI
Massachusetts

The solid regulars on offense are all-New England guard/tackle Pat Anglim, flanker David Dunn (57 catches for 854 yards), split end Glenn Antrum, tight end Scott Sweitzer, fullback Terry Antrum, and tailback Jeff Gallaher. The big hole is at quarterback, where Peter Lane, who passed for 4,179 yards the last two years, is gone. Matt DeGennaro, Scott Vibberts, and Howard Goodrow form a trio of sophomore redshirts looking for the job. Also back are the junior kickers, punter Jim Carriere and place-kicker Mark Carter, another all-New England pick after 15 field goals and a team-leading 69 points.

The Huskies won five of their last six games a year ago and wound up ranked No. 18 in the NCAA Division I-AA poll. "We found out how to win last fall; now we have to sustain a solid effort week after week," said Jackson.

RHODE ISLAND

The Rams went from top to bottom in two seasons, but the return of 20 starters, including two-time All-America tight end Brian Forster, makes the picture encouraging for the fall. Forster, who holds 10 NCAA receiving records, sat out last year. Without him, the team still led the league in passing with 252 yards per game. Senior quarterback Greg Farland, who fired for 2,058 yards last season, still has the controls. Also back are the top two receivers from '86: wideout Bob Donfield and tight end Jim Muse. The running game is led by tailbacks Doug Haynes and Chris Poirier, who combined for 926 yards. Other starters back

are center Ray Apo, guards Andy Levy and Bob Palermo, and tackle John Seelinger.

The leaders on defense are linebacker Jim Happe (87 tackles in '86), end Ken Kurtz, and tackle Jim Landry. Kurtz was seeing work at fullback during spring drills and the 5-11, 217-pound senior was being considered as a two-way performer. Others lending stability are tackle Mike Janson, nose guard John Gilman, end Bill Brown, and backs Anthony Adams, Jeff Hogan, and Earl Smith. The lines, a problem last year because of injuries, figure to be a strength this time around.

Bob Griffin starts his 12th year as coach confident of a turnaround from last year's 1-10 miseries. The opposition feels the Rams may be the surprise of the league.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Most of the Wildcats' problems a year ago came at the end, when they dropped their last three games and blew their Yankee Conference title chances with narrow losses to Maine and Massachusetts. Their 7-4 record was the 12th winning season in the last 13 for coach Bill Bowes. With 16 starters back, plus some promising newcomers, Bowes will make trouble for the league favorites. "This has been one of our best recruiting years. We feel very good about the talent we've brought in," said Bowes.

Sophomore quarterback Bob Jean, who passed for 2,535 yards and 19 touchdowns in '86, a talented receiving corps, and top tailback Norm Ford give the Cats a promising look on offense. Jean's leading targets should be wide receivers Curtis Olds, who caught 52 passes for 944 yards last season, and Chris Braune, who played in only six games but had 23 catches for 434 yards. Tight end Rob Spittel (28-507) also returns. Working with Ford at tailback are Todd Urbanik, who played in every game last year, and Mike Ryan. The loss of

with victories over Colgate and Delaware. "Most of the pieces are in the right place," said third-year coach Steve Stetson. "We're bigger and stronger than we were last year."

The graduation holes are in both lines and at wide receiver. Tom Stuczynski, a starting tackle last season before he was kayed early with a knee injury, will be filling one of the offensive line gaps. Three young regulars back are center Chris Doyle, guard Peter Bengtson, and tackle John Timm. Junior tight end Andy Wise also returns. The Terriers still look strong at quarterback with Pat Mancini and Jim Schuman, both record-setters a year ago, ready to split the work. Two-year starter Randy Pettus, who ran for 874 yards, will be at tailback and his able backup is sophomore Vince Jackson. A lot is expected from fullback Blaine Applegate, who has come back for his redshirt year after many injury problems. With the one-two punch of Bill Brooks and Dennis Gadois gone, the search is on for receivers. They'll be coming from a non-letterman list. Steve Macri, Daryell Huffman and Randy Lewis are top candidates.

The team's defensive strength is in the secondary, where starters Mark Seals and Skip Jackson are at cornerback and Ken Clifford and Mike White at safety. Nose tackle Arnie Galvez anchors the line.

MAINE

Tim Murphy, the line coach and offensive coordinator for two years, has taken over the head coaching job. His unit set a school record for total offense (4,283 yards) last season. The Black Bears still feature the double-barreled quarterback combo of senior Bob Wilder and junior Mike Buck. The talented pair accounted for more than 2,000 yards passing. The tailbacks, junior Doug Dorsey and senior Jim Fox, who combined for more than 1,600 yards rushing, also return.

The suspect areas are the lines. Only senior right guard Dave Ingalls returns from last year's offensive front. The replacements are Chuck Kasmer and Scott Hough at tackle, Rob Noble at guard, and either Seth Koepell or Tom McDonald at center. At tight end, Tony Lanza (6-3, 235) and Justin Strzelczyk (6-6, 245) figure to do the job. Until the line matures, the flying football can be expected often at Maine. Wilder and Buck still have starting wideouts Sergio Hebra and Steve Roth, who combined for 1,520 yards and 13 touchdowns a year ago.

Only three starters had returned to the defense in spring ball and the battles are still on for several jobs. The top returnees are fifth-year senior Steve Violette at tackle, senior Troy Conquest at nose guard, junior Nick Penna at inside linebacker, and All-America Rob Sterling at strong safety.

little three

AMHERST

The Lord Jeffs weren't perfect last year. They were whacked rather soundly by Tufts and Trinity in successive games before they clinched the Little Three title by beating Williams. A lot of the Amherst scoring magic of '86 came from the passing combination of quarterback Paul Foye and wide receiver John Tucci, now a combo of the past. But if coach Jim Ostendarp says he's worried, shed no tears for him. His 153-67-4 card for 28 years indicate things haven't been all bad.

On the defensive side, Ostendarp has 10

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DAN TATE
Amherst

two starting guards is a concern in the offensive line, but the team is strong at tackle, with All-America candidate John Driscoll on one side and Gardner Gendron on the other. Also back is Jim Prendible at center.

Tackles Kevin Doherty and Paul Boulay, nose guard Bill O'Malley, end Basil Jarostchuk, linebacker Scott Curtis, and free safety Eric Thompson are the top returnees on the defense. Boulay is an all-conference player and Curtis is the strongest and fastest man on the squad.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

It's no secret that a porous defense had a lot to do with the Terriers' 4-7 record a year ago, but the season still ended on a positive note

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starters returning. The leader is 6-4, 255-pound tackle LaRoy Brantley, who could achieve All-America status and notice from the pro scouts. Other top defenders are safety John McCarthy, who has led the team in interceptions the last two years, ends Mark Dulsky and Matt Carbone, tackle Chris Podgozinski, and linebacker Michael Zimmerman.

When the Jeffs have the ball, they'll still be giving it to senior fullback and leading rusher Bill Okun and halfbacks Scott Lebo, Dan Tate, and Kevin Minicus. Making the holes will be senior center Scott Ohnegian, tackles David Holmes and Gordon Montgomery, and guard Frank Flaherty. The veteran receivers are breakaway threat Jack Whelan and tight end Ken Hanau. Replacing the versatile Foye is Brian Sondey, whose experience last year consisted of completing three of eight passes.

WILLIAMS

After 16 years at Williams and more than three decades as a head coach, Bob Odell has left the scene and Dick Farley is in charge.

The Ephmen have only three returning starters from the offensive unit on last year's 4-4 team. One of them is junior quarterback Scott Kennedy, a 51 percent passer who had completions for 1,102 yards and 10 touchdowns. Another is 6-3 tight end Lew Collins, the no. 3 receiver a year ago. Neal Chesley and Jon Horton are a pair of promising tailbacks who have limited experience. Guard Don Aseltun is the only returning offensive starter up front, but tackles Dexter Lawson and Joe Thompson, center Scott Rynne, and guard Jim Walker have experience. With help from the freshman class, the Ephmen could surprise.

Defensively, there are seven returning starters. The secondary has three good ones in cornerbacks Jon Edie and Dave Clawson and safety Scott Powers. Also back are nose guard Gregg Kelley, tackle Dave Montgomery, end Dave Crompton, and linebacker Rick Fearon. Powers, in addition, will be handling the punting and sophomore John Birgbauer will be back as place-kicker.

WESLEYAN

How do you figure Wesleyan starting its season by beating Tufts and ending it with a win over Trinity? Tufts and Trinity were the only teams to solve Little Three champion Amherst a year ago. Wesleyan took a 50-21 pounding from Amherst.

The Cardinals have 18 starters back from that zany 3-5 season, including the entire defense. The top stoppers are tackle Mike Charlton, end Matt Coan, and backs Greg Waldron (team-high 89 tackles), Greg Ballarino, Pat Flaherty, and Sean McKissic. They feel they can improve upon the '86 figures (34.3 points and 386.1 yards per game).

There are seven starters back on offense, but the top two runners are missing. Junior Steve Usher and sophomore Bill Buckley look like the best of the backs. Junior Jim Lukowski, who has shown ability to run and throw, is solid at quarterback. He passed for 2,272 yards and 17 touchdowns and ran for 643 yards and five more TDs a year ago. His primary targets will be tight end Jim Maynard, who was close to 1,000 yards in receptions in '86, and speedy split end Phil Guidrey. The line looks good with senior co-captain Mike

Savino back at center and junior Bill Miller and P.J. DiGiammarino the incumbents at tackle, but there are holes to be filled at guard.

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EASTERN DIVISION

WEST CHESTER

(8-3, 6-0) Coach Danny Hale's Golden Rams are loaded with talent in the skill positions and are favored to repeat as Eastern Division champions. Back is quarterback Al Niemela, the PC East Player of the Year, who completed 59 percent of his passes last season for 2,145 yards and 22 touchdowns. He will have his two top receivers available in Jim Sheehan (71 catches) and Bill Hess (51). Jason Sims (1,151 yards) will handle the bulk of the running chores. Guard Ralph Tamm and tackle Wayne MacFarland will anchor the offensive line. There were some major losses on defense, but top tackler and linebacker Pat Tryson is back.

MILLERSVILLE

(9-1, 5-1) The Marauders posted the most victories in the school's 91-year football history last season. Only a 7-3 loss to West Chester blemished an otherwise perfect record. The offense must be rebuilt with only four starters back, but two of them are top rushers Steve Napier (879 yards) and Gary Chidester (780). Junior quarterback Steve Sawyer is coach Gene Carpenter's top candidate to run the veer. Linebackers John Petrus (157 tackles) and Jim Cassarella and tackle T.J. Rudy return from a defensive unit which allowed only 51.1 yards per game rushing. Michael Brower and Dion Reed are top defensive backs.

BLOOMSBURG

(7-2-1, 3-2-1) The Huskies, the 1985 conference champions, could climb back to the top on the passing of quarterback Jay DeDea and the running of Tom Martin. DeDea (6-3, 215) threw for 2,255 yards while Martin (5-7, 168) ran for 918 yards last season in coach Pete Adrian's high-powered attack. They will have support from a line featuring center John Fulmer, guard Terrence Ginyard, and tackle Vinny Ottomanelli. The secondary should be the strength of the defense with Derrick Hill at free safety and Butch Linton at cornerback. Tackle Al Royster is a premier lineman.

EAST STROUDSBURG

(1-9, 1-5) Coach Denny Douds expects his Warrior team to rise from the ashes like the phoenix and return to its usual place as one of the leaders of the conference. He bases his optimism on the experience gained by 30 lettermen and 17 starters. The best of the group are linebacker Dan Murray and center Mike Yanders, both all-PC selections, and defensive back Joe McLaughlin. The linebacker corps also includes seniors Joe Keenan and Glenn Unger. Improvement is expected from an offense headed by quarterback Ray Gentilella and running back Gary Garver.

KUTZTOWN

(5-4-1, 3-2-1) The Golden Bears suffered the heaviest losses in the conference with All-America running back Paul Magistro, tailback Bob DiRico, and wide receiver Bruce Tiller gone. Coach George Baldwin will build his

1987 team around a passing attack of quarterback Greg Buchman (136 for 251 for 1,778 yards) and receivers Tony Santella, Brian Auge, and Dave Cullen. But someone must be found to run the ball. The defense should be solid with end Craig Tomlinson (73 tackles), linebacker Doug Covert, and cornerbacks Darren Dabner and Gary Awkard. A major problem will be that the Kutztown home field is being renovated and the team may have to play most of its schedule on the road.

MANSFIELD

(3-7, 1-5) Craig Jobes took over as the Mounties' quarterback midway through last season and led the offense to an average of 26 points per game over the last four games. He was named the PC East Rookie of the Year. One of his top targets will be John Wood, who had 12 catches in a win over East Stroudsburg. Coach Tom Elsasser's biggest job will be replacing four-year starting running back Robert Funderburk, who broke 21 school records during his career. Other players being counted on are offensive tackle John Camoia (6-4, 280), defensive end Randall Beasley, and defensive tackle Robert Wheelock.

CHEYNEY

(2-8, 1-5) The Wolves will have one of the conference's more experienced teams with 35 lettermen and 18 starters back. That doesn't include all-PC punter Julius Flynn, who averaged 41.7 yards per boot, and punt returner Ben Frazier, who led the nation with a 17.6-yard average. Coach Mike Costa plans to try Frazier at running back, where he will join returnees Michael Rackley (516 yards) and Aggrey Quintyn. Andrew Williams is the probable quarterback. The Wolves ranked first in the PC in pass defense in 1986 and the secondary of Reggie Northrup, Gerone Powell, Tony Moore, and Darren Sunkett is back.

WESTERN DIVISION

INDIANA

(9-2, 6-0) The Big Indians won their first Pennsylvania Conference title ever last year. Their chances to repeat could rest on how fast PC Coach of the Year Frank Cignetti rebuilds his offensive line and develops a new quarterback. Gone are All-America tackle Jim Angelo and quarterback Bob Kiel. The running game should be strong with co-PC West Rookie of the Year Paul Palamara and Steve Girtling at fullback and transfer Raphael "Pudgy" Abercrombie from the University of Minnesota at tailback. Another transfer, Chris Filipkowski (Vanderbilt), and junior Jim Pehanick will battle for the quarterback post. The defense is well-stocked with such standouts as linebackers Troy Jackson and Dean Cottrill and backs Frank Cignetti and safety Tom Fedkoe.

CLARION

(5-5, 2-4) The Golden Eagles expect to pick up where they left off last year when they won their last four games. This enabled the team to finish with a 5-5 record while maintaining a streak of 26 consecutive non-losing seasons. Coach Gene Sobolewski's top returnee is defensive lineman Lou Weiers (6-2, 240), an Associated Press third-team All-America. He will be joined by two other all-conference players, linebacker Ken Raabe and back John Besic, on a veteran defensive unit. The strength of

the offense will be the line with center Jerry Fedell (6-2, 268), guard John Seaman, and tackle Pat Prenatt. Quarterback Doug Emfinger (148 of 269 for 1,926 yards) and tailback Rod Joseph (588 yards) and all-PC place-kicker John Desmond are all back.

CALIFORNIA

(6-4, 3-3) The Vulcans have two talented receivers in split end Ed Alford (35 receptions, 616 yards) and all-conference tight end Terry O'Shea (35 receptions, 363 yards). The problem is that coach Jeff Petrucci doesn't have an experienced passer to throw to them. Gone is quarterback Brendan Folmer. Running backs Steve Brown and Sean Densmore will operate behind a line spearheaded by center Bill Crowell and guard Joe Cerro. Linebackers Mike Stephany (116 tackles) and Craig May are the top players on defense.

EDINBORO

(7-3, 5-1) Coach Steve Szabo's Fightin' Scots have plenty of experience with 16 starters returning, but there will be newcomers handling two key assignments. They will have to replace quarterback Scott Dodds, the PC West Player of the Year last season, and place-kicker Jim Trueman, the leading scorer in the school's history. Sophomore Jim Ross will get the first shot at the quarterback spot. One of his main jobs be handing off to running back Floyd Faulkner, who gained 824 yards last year. Free safety Michael Willis and linebacker Tom Calton will head an experienced defensive unit.

SHIPPENSBURG

(3-7, 2-4) The Red Raiders may have the most versatile player in the conference in tailback Frank Van Buren. In seven games, he ran for 501 yards, caught 31 passes for 387 yards, and completed two passes, both for touchdowns. Van Buren will be joined in a potent backfield by sophomore fullback Bob Plummer and quarterback Rob Klock, who passed for 1,032 yards in five games. Defensively, coach Joe Bottiglieri's team will be led by all-PC cornerback Kevin Mylett and linebackers Charles Parker and Pat Fahie.

SLIPPERY ROCK

(3-7, 3-3) Coach Don Ault has plenty of running backs to carry the ball for the Rockets. Now he has to work on someone to throw it. Leading rushers Greg Pattera (693 yards), Jim Carr, and Ryan Hanson all return. Gone is quarterback Eric Denton. The likely replacement is senior Steve Statnick. Senior offensive tackle Tim Grove (6-2, 280) is one of the PC's best. The defense features nose guard Tom Kerr and ends Kurt Hinish and Jerome Curtis.

LOCK HAVEN

(1-9, 0-6) The Bald Eagles have a new coach, Tom Jones, a former offensive coordinator at Middle Tennessee State. Jones plans to scrap the team's wishbone offense for a more wide-open, pro look. Quarterback Pat Cahill returns, but he has been a more effective runner than passer in the past. The defense is solid with four players returning from the five-man front, including tackle Ken Haywood. Outside linebackers Ray Howard and Mike Major are back along with backs Hank Boyd, Guy Wade, and Bryon Comly.




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atlantic coast

by SMITH BARRIER and BOB SPEAR THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

● Last December 31, coach Ray Perkins of Alabama, his team having concluded a 10-3 season with a victory over Washington in the Sun Bowl, accepted the positions of vice president and head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the National Football League. That set in motion a scenario that even Hollywood scriptwriters would have found hard to imagine. Within three weeks, the Atlantic Coast Conference had four new football coaches. How could Perkins, miles away in Tuscaloosa, have had such an effect on ACC football? Here's how.

On January 4, Alabama announced that Bill Curry, 44, would be its new football coach and Steve Sloan, 42, the new athletic director, two jobs previously held by Perkins. Curry had been the coach at Georgia Tech, his alma mater, for seven years. But he admitted, "I am very happy at Georgia Tech, but everybody I know in the business said I would be a fool not to listen to Alabama." Sloan, who coached Duke from 1982-86, was giving up football per se in returning to his alma mater as the Crimson Tide A.D.

Twenty-four hours after Curry resigned, Tech athletic director Homer Rice announced the hiring of a replacement, Bobby Ross. As the head coach at Maryland, Ross, 50, had won ACC championships, but he resigned last December 1, after the final game, another chapter in the horror story of "Maryland After Len Bias." He had quit because he wasn't certain where the university's athletic program was headed. Richard Dull had resigned as athletic director in October and had not yet been replaced. In fact, a permanent A.D. was not named until May 11, 1987—seven months with an interim chair.

Of his new affiliation, Ross said: "I think every person reaches a certain time in his career when he thinks perhaps he's reached his ultimate goal. I think I'm at that point right now." On that January 5 when Rice called, Ross had his bags packed to report to the Buffalo Bills in the NFL. Soon after Ross left, Maryland elevated Joe Krivak, 52, from the staff. The Terrapins had won six ACC titles and been to seven bowls in Krivak's tenure.

Duke moved quickly to fill the vacancy left by Sloan. It hired Steve Spurrier, 41, as the new head coach. The offensive coordinator of the Blue Devils several years earlier, Spurrier most recently had worked in the USFL, oddly enough as the coach of the Tampa Bay Bandits. Of his return to activity, Spurrier said, "Since the USFL folded, I've just been playing golf and watching football... and I golfed out about four months ago."

It had nothing to do with this "family affair," but Wake Forest suddenly found itself without Al Groh, its coach for six years. He quit over a contract extension disagreement and later got a spot with the Atlanta Falcons. That was Friday, January 16, and on Wednesday, January 21, Bill Dooley signed as the new Deacon coach. Dooley, 52, had received a healthy settlement of his coach-A.D. contract at Virginia Tech. From his vacation home he called

Wake athletic director Gene Hooks. It was a marriage of syzygy.

Thus, the ACC has four new coaches. True, two of the "rookies" have coached in the ACC before (Ross and Dooley); true, two are veterans from ACC staffs.

They're all hoping to duplicate what Dick Sheridan did at North Carolina State last fall. He came in to replace a program that had gone 3-8 for three consecutive seasons, and the Wolfpack turned it around with an 8-2-1 regular season, barely missing the ACC title—and losing the Peach Bowl on the final play.

Can a "rookie" do it again? Maybe Ross, because Georgia Tech has a strong program. But it appears most likely that Danny Ford, coming into his ninth season at Clemson with a 66-23-4 record, has the players to repeat the championship. Power in the lines, a solid quarterback, and an unbelievable eight games in friendly Clemson Stadium. Battling with Ross/Georgia Tech and Krivak/Maryland for the challenging position will be the "dean" of the ACC football coaches, Dick Crum. Entering his 10th Tar Heel campaign, Crum is 67-35-3, and there is talent from the backfield through both lines.



There is only one new coach in the I-AA Southern Conference, Charlie Taaffe, at The Citadel, after Army duties. But the SC has about the same team situation as the ACC, picking the defending champion Appalachian Mountaineers to repeat. The challenge comes from Furman, Marshall, and East Tennessee State, the latter two newcomers at the top.

Among the major independents South Carolina and Virginia Tech will again battle it out, the latter with new coach Frank Beamer (from Murray State). South Carolina has a sophomore with unlimited passing potential in tail Todd Ellis, who broke all NCAA freshman records in 1986.

It is the Year of the Quarterback in the region. In addition to Ellis, there are Wake Forest's Mike Elkins, North Carolina's Mark Maye, and Maryland's Dan Henning in the ACC and

Appalachian's Todd Payton and East Tennessee State's Jeff Morgan in the SC. But they can't better the story of the coaches. Abbott and Costello would have a ball with that one.

Willie Jeffries's South Carolina State teams dominated the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in the 1970s, and his departure to Wichita State caused a collective sigh of relief from rivals. But Jeffries returned to the league in '84, taking command of the program at Howard University, and another dynasty just might be in the making. The Bison improved from two wins to four to eight in three seasons under Jeffries, and 20 starters return to the club that won its last seven games. They averaged 40 points per game during that streak and played a 42-10 tune on MEAC champion North Carolina A&T.

If Howard is denied the conference title, North Carolina A&T is the most likely candidate to spoil the party. Lots of experienced personnel will be back with quarterback Alan Hooker heading the cast. Delaware State, South Carolina State, and Bethune-Cookman will be in the middle of the pack with Morgan State striving to escape the cellar. Florida A&M rejoins the league, but the Rattlers face only two MEAC rivals and are not eligible for the title this season.

The South Atlantic Conference's motto, "The Conference of Champions," may sound pretentious. But the eight member schools from the Carolinas and Tennessee let the facts do the talking. The league has produced the NAIA's champion five of the past seven years, and adding to that record this fall is certainly possible. After all, defending king Carson-Newman returns a bevy of regulars

predictions

atlantic coast conference

1. Clemson, 2. Georgia Tech, 3. North Carolina, 4. Maryland, 5. Duke, 6. North Carolina State, 7. Wake Forest, 8. Virginia

independents

1. South Carolina, 2. Virginia Tech, 3. William & Mary, 4. East Carolina, 5. James Madison, 6. Towson State, 7. Wofford

southern conference

1. Appalachian State, 2. Marshall, 3. Furman, 4. East Tennessee, 5. UT-Chattanooga, 6. Western Carolina, 7. The Citadel, 8. Virginia Military

mid-eastern athletic conference

1. Howard, 2. North Carolina A&T, 3. Delaware State, 4. South Carolina State, 5. Bethune-Cookman, 6. Morgan State

(Florida A&M ineligible for conference title)

south atlantic conference

1. Carson-Newman, 2. Elon, 3. Gardner-Webb, 4. Presbyterian, 5. Catawba, 6. Mars Hill, 7. Newberry, 8. Lenoir-Rhyne

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1. Winston-Salem State, 2. North Carolina Central, 3. Johnson C. Smith, 4. Fayetteville State, 5. Bowie State, 6. Livingstone



RODNEY WILLIAMS
Clemson



CHRIS LANCASTER

1987 all-atlantic coast team

offense

Quarterback . . . Todd Ellis . . . SO . . . South Carolina
Running back . . . Harvey Reed . . . SR . . . Howard
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Wide receiver . . . Doug Green . . . SR . . . Duke
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Tackle . . . Creighton Incorminias . . . JR . . . North Carolina
Guard . . . John Phillips . . . SR . . . Clemson
Guard . . . Carlo Bianchini . . . SR . . . James Madison
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Place-kicker . . . Chris Kinzer . . . JR . . . Virginia Tech

defense

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Lineman . . . Ivery Lee . . . SR . . . Georgia Tech
Lineman . . . Michael Dean Perry . . . SR . . . Clemson
Lineman . . . Joe Monaco . . . SR . . . William & Mary
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Linebacker . . . Albert English . . . SR . . . East Tennessee
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from its 12-1 powerhouse. But the Eagles and coach Ken Sparks know one thing: winning the conference might be more difficult than winning the national crown. The league is that tough, and this season is no exception.

For those tired of reruns, avoid the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The forecast for 1987 is familiar: take Winston-Salem State in the Southern Division and Virginia Union in the Northern. Winston-Salem returns a host of talented performers and coach Bill Hayes, normally a pessimistic sort, admits that, "We ought to be a good club if we get the quarterback situation straightened out." And Virginia Union? Coach Joe Taylor expects a better team than the one that rolled through the regular season undefeated. North Carolina Central, led by passing whiz Earl Harvey, will provide the stiffest challenge. Virginia Union, however, can expect test after test in the more balanced Northern Division.

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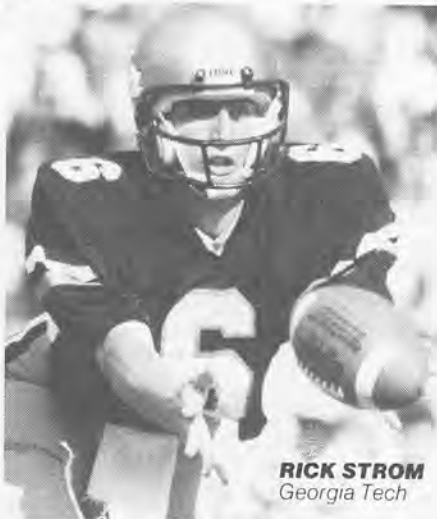
CLEMSON

(8-2-2, 5-1-1) Danny Ford's championship look, like roses and azaleas, seems to be a perennial. He is the winningest coach in ACC football history (73.1 percent) and No. 6 among NCAA Division I-A active coaches. An ACC title would be Ford's fourth in nine years. Clemson has a streak of 10 consecutive winning seasons, the longest in ACC history. The Tigers return 49 lettermen from a team that won the conference again, beat Stanford in the Gator Bowl, and ranked in the final top 20.

Clemson's I-formation lost about 13,000 career all-purpose yards in the tailback and wide-receiver positions. The only returning tailback, where incoming freshmen will contribute, carried the ball exactly three times last fall. To offset that is quarterback Rodney Williams, who has started 20 straight games (13-5-2 record), and a returning offensive line that wasn't slowed down in the ACC last fall and appears to be better now.

"Our number one area of concern is the skill positions," said Ford. That is, the I-tailback, which has made the Tigers so dangerous in past championships. There are a handful of candidates who could get the first call, and redshirt freshman Terry Allen came out of the spring in that role. Wesley McFadden moved from the defense and juco transfer Chinedu Ohan (at 6-3 and 246, the biggest tailback in Tiger history) has great potential. Also in the running corps will be Reggie Demps and Joe Henderson, who missed his freshman season. Juniors Chris Lancaster and Tracy Johnson registered 737 yards and 10 TDs between

them as fullbacks. Junior quarterback Williams, the MVP in the Gator Bowl, directs the I, backed by senior Randy Anderson. Newcomers at wide receiver are juniors Keith Jennings and Ricardo Hooper and sophomores Gary Cooper and Richard Tucker. Returning tight ends are junior James Coley and soph Jerome Williams. The experienced front includes junior center Jeff Bak (6-2, 250), the strongest man on the team, all-ACC senior John Phillips (6-5, 260) and Pat Williams (6-4, 275) at guard, and tackles Ty Granger (6-7, 270), Frank Delullis (6-6, 265), and Jeff Nunamacher (6-2, 280).



RICK STROM
Georgia Tech

On defense there are eight starters. All-ACC Michael Dean Perry, now a senior (6-2, 270), who has an older brother nicknamed Fridge, leads a strong tackle corps with junior Raymond Chavous (6-5, 290), soph Otis Moore (6-2, 250), and senior Dwayne Meadows. Senior Tony Stephens (6-3, 285), voted most improved in the spring, shares middle guard with junior Mark Drag (6-4, 255). The ends or outside linebackers include James Earle, Stacy Fields, Vince Taylor, and Reggie Harris, a converted fullback. Linebackers are returning regular Henry Carter and rookie John Johnson, a first-team prep All-America. The secondary has Donnell Woolford, Gene Beasley, Richard Smith, and James Lott.

GEORGIA TECH

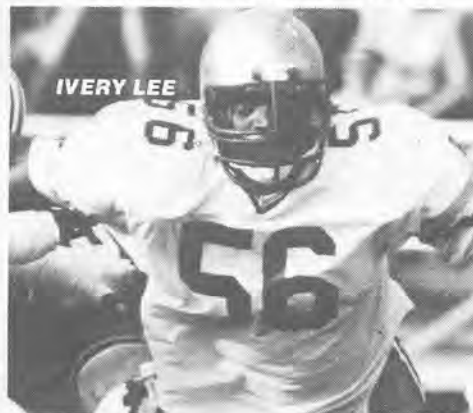
(5-5-1, 3-3) Any way you look at it, this is definitely a transition year in Atlanta. Foremost among the reasons is a new coach, Bobby Ross, who took Bill Curry's spot when he went to Alabama. Ross is no ACC newcomer, having had success at Maryland.



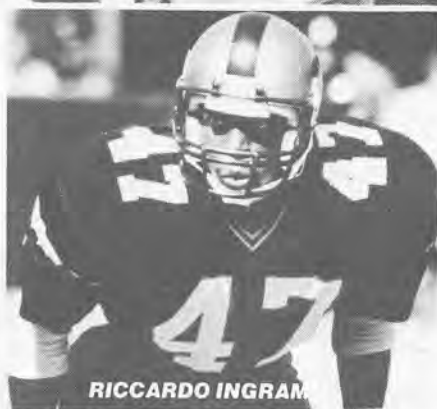
RAYMOND CHAVOUS

Tech competes in a major-league professional city. Last fall saw home attendance drop to its lowest in almost three decades, partially due to inclement weather. Ross plays the kind of football to attract fans, and Tech has seven home games this fall. "We're hoping to throw the football more," admitted Ross.

There are 50 lettermen, including 16 starters, on hand from the Jacket team that came within seven points of an 8-3 record. It had the



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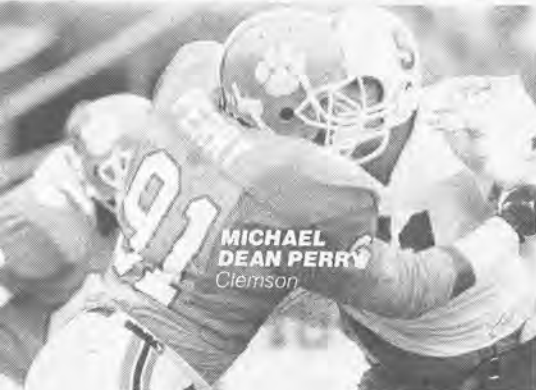
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ACC's second-best scoring defense (to champion Clemson) and the No. 1 pass defense. Paul Jurgensen and Willie Burks starred in sacks. And yet something went wrong in the fourth quarter, when the offense scored only 44 points (to opponents' 34).

Defensively, nine starters and punter Sean McDevitt (36.9 average) are on hand again. Also there is nose guard Ivery Lee (6-1, 271), a preseason all-ACC who missed last year. The line returns both tackles, senior Travis Moody (6-3, 366) and soph Sean Smith (6-7, 243), along with sophs Willie Burks (6-2, 261) and Jeff Mathis (6-2, 263).

The linebackers are experienced. Outside are senior Paul Jurgensen (6-5, 241), with 17 tackles for loss, and junior Willis Crockett, the big-play man. Inside are two juniors, Rod Stephens and Mark White, backed by sophs John Porter and Eric Thomas. Juniors Cedric Stallworth and Andre Thomas return in the secondary, but senior Riccardo Ingram (6-0, 195) might be the star, seeking All-America spots in two sports. He is already all-ACC in football and baseball (outfielder/sluggoer).

"We need to fill some holes in the offensive line," Ross noted in understatement. Returning at guard are senior Dean Weaver (6-2, 254) and junior Eric Bearden (6-2, 254), the latter a two-year starter, backed by soph Jay Jane and redshirt freshman Joe Siffri. Senior Robert Massey, an excellent blocker, tops the



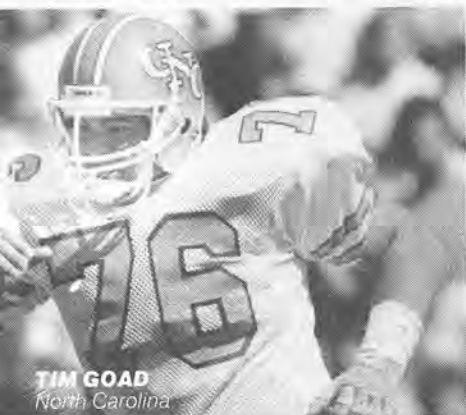
MICHAEL DEAN PERRY
Clemson

tight ends and averaged 17.1 yards on nine catches. Newcomers must take over at tackle and center. Among the former are junior Pat James, sophs Jessie Marion and Scott Beavers, and redshirt frosh Darryl Jenkins and Spencer Slocumb. Junior Wayne Mote and redshirt freshman Joe Sifri are centers.

Senior quarterback Rick Strom is No. 1 again, this time to run Ross's pro-style attack with air emphasis. He hit 52 percent for 1,011 yards. Senior Darrell Gast backs up Strom. Tailback Jerry Mays suffered a knee injury in the spring and will sit out the season following surgery. So Malcolm King will move from fullback to tailback with Darrell Edwards the new fullback. Reserves include Nate Kelsey, Terence Curry, Alphanzo Thomas, and Gene West. Receivers include senior Toby Pearson, a two-year starter as flanker, senior Bug Isom, juniors Richard Hills and Steve Davenport, and soph Brad Jones, moved from the secondary as Ross perks up his passing game—his favorite and something Atlanta will love.

NORTH CAROLINA

(7-4-1, 5-2) Coach Dick Crum's offense generated the proper results—well, almost. Only



TIM GOAD
North Carolina

thrice was it held to a touchdown or less, and for the fourth time in seven years the Tar Heels topped the ACC in total offense. They ranked sixth nationally (436 ypg.). But it was the defense that came up spotty, at best, and only once in the last eight games (including the Aloha Bowl loss to Arizona, 21-30) did Carolina limit the opposition to under 30 points. "We need to develop consistency on defense," said Crum. There is experience in that unit with nine starters returning, but they get an immediate test: opening four Saturdays with Illinois, Oklahoma, Georgia Tech, and Navy.

They started 4-1 and broke into the AP's top 20 last fall. They promptly dropped three of the next four games, and it was only a great offensive show by quarterback Mark Maye against Duke that got them to Honolulu to lie on the beach. Carolina got 605 yards against the Blue Devils in a 42-35 comeback (Maye 319 yards).

"Yes, Mark's best all-around game," said Crum. "You've got to remember that Mark really hasn't played a great deal of competitive football since 1982. He's almost like a freshman in many respects." But it is that potential from the All-America schoolboy which stamps the Tar Heels as the ACC dark horse. Seven starters return on offense, with only two receiver spots open. Maye, a senior (6-4, 200), missed most of four seasons with a puzzling shoulder ailment, but in six games last

fall he was the ACC's leading passer (62.5 percent, 1,401 yards, 10 TDs). He took over for junior Jonathan Hall. They are backed by redshirt freshman Dan Walkowiak (6-4, 195).

Behind one of the best lines ever at Chapel Hill, the running game will be strong, equal to last fall's No. 1 ranking in total offense in the ACC. But there are new tailbacks. When soph Torin Dorn was called on at the Aloha Bowl, he ran for 101 yards in seven carries. He's the newest Tar Heel star. Backing him are redshirt frosh Kinnard Martin and senior Eric Star. Senior Brad Loop and junior James Thompson return as fullbacks. Eric Lewis returns as flanker, while reserves Quinton Smith, No. 2 in receptions, and senior Darryl Parham (6-7, 260) take the ends. The line is intact, except at No. 1 draft Harris Barton's tackle spot. Junior Creighton Incorminias (6-4, 300) teams with junior Darrell Hamilton (6-6, 280) at tackle, soph Pat Crowley (6-3, 285) and junior Steve Steinbacher (6-4, 270) are at guard, and junior Jeff Garnica is the center (up 10 pounds to 6-4, 260).

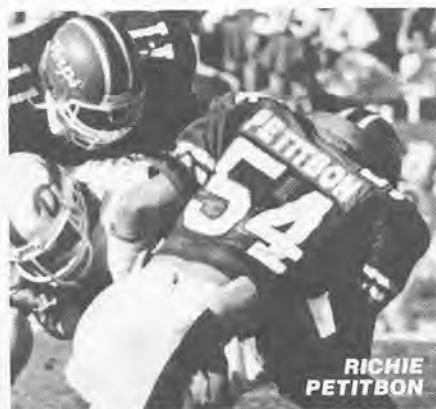
The defense returns nine starters, with the "50" defense instead of the eight-man front of last fall. All-ACC Tim Goad (6-4, 270) and 1985 all-ACC Reuben Davis (6-5, 270) are at tackle; between them is senior Carlton Bailey, quick at 245 and a good pass rusher. The top tacklers are linebackers Brett Rudolph and Mitch Wike.

Four regulars return in the secondary, including senior Derrick Donald, who tied for the most interceptions in the ACC. With him will be junior Jim Jauch, senior Norris Davis, and sophomore Dan Vooletich. That leaves the biggest question at outside linebacker, although junior Antonio Goss and soph John Reed return with Noel McEachern, out last fall with a bum knee.

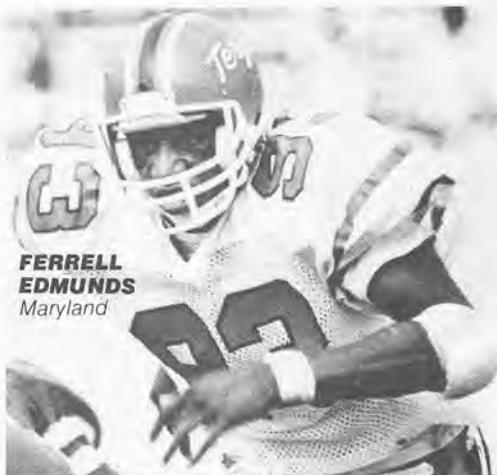
MARYLAND

(5-5-1, 2-3-1) There's very little change in Maryland football, except you won't see the wide-tackle-six for the first time since 1971. That, mind you, despite a coaching change at the top. Bobby Ross resigned the Monday after the final 1986 contest, and Joe Krivak was elevated nine days later. Krivak, eight years on the staff, directed the Terrapin offense from the press box for five years, and what does he say about the 1987 offense? "Same wide-open, exciting offense, utilizing everyone in the game." Seven of the assistants stay with Krivak, including assistant head coach George Foussekis, now in his 16th season. That is continuity, that is stability.

On the player side of the ledger, there are 43 lettermen, including 14 seniors. Most of



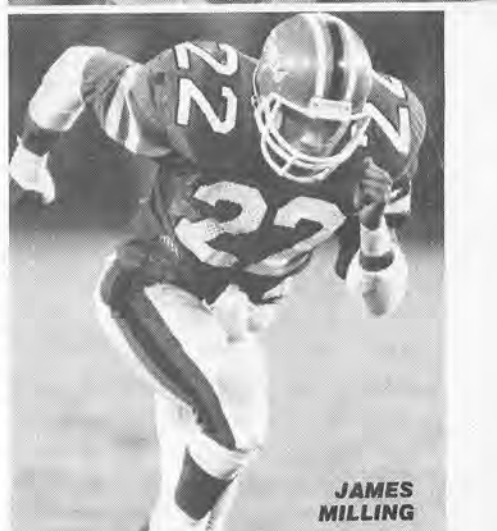
RICHIE PETITBON



FERRELL EDMUNDS
Maryland



DAN HENNING



JAMES MILLING

last fall's second units return, and that provides the depth and experience to make the Terrapins an ACC contender for sure. Maryland won three consecutive ACC titles prior to 1985 and had 17 straight wins over conference foes.

The defense has been altered, now with a 3-2 front and four deep. Maryland has always been a tough defensive aggregation, and there is no change in that. Seven starters return, bolstered by experienced reserves. Gone is All-America Bruce Mesner up front, but starters on hand again are senior Bob Arnold (6-4, 261) at nose guard, junior Warren Powers (6-7, 275) and senior Duane Dunham (6-3, 226) at tackle, supported by senior Robert Klein (6-4, 262), who started the last four

games. Wayne Brunson and James Wilson have experience. The outside linebackers again are seniors O'Brien Alston (6-7, 227) and Sean Scott, backed by soph Mark Walsh. Inside linebackers are seniors Kevin Walker and Richie Petitbon, along with Nick Marchetti and Scott Saylor. A question remains over the secondary, where only junior J.B. Brown returns, although juniors Irving Smith and Chad Sydnor and senior Tim Gaarn have experience. Redshirt freshmen Charles Gassaway and Mike Hollis battle for one corner spot. Senior Darryl Wright is a fine punter.

On offense, said Krivac, the Terps "will be using motion and shifting and force the defense to cover the entire field." With nine starters intact, senior quarterback Dan Henning engineers an aerial attack that led the ACC last fall (2,725 yards). He is backed by soph Neil O'Donnell, who pitched for 203 yards and three TDs in the spring game. There are good receivers: senior Azizuddin Abdur-Ra'ooof, who missed seven games with an injury to an Achilles' tendon; senior Ferrell Edmunds (6-6, 235), who has started 32 straight games at tight end; and senior James Milling, with 650 yards in catches. Add senior John Bonato, soph Blaine Rose, junior Vernon Joines, and redshirt freshman Barry Johnson.

The running game has experience: soph Bren Lowery, who had a great finish last season, and junior Mike Anderson, with a good spring, at tailback; sophomore Dennis Spinelli

and junior Keith Bullock at fullback. Maryland's front line is intact: senior Bill Hughes (6-5, 276) at center, seniors David Amend (6-5, 273) and Joe Guiliano (6-4, 282) or John Rugg (6-2, 262) at guard, senior John Sorna (6-5, 280) and soph Mark Agent (6-5, 264) at tackle, along with the little guy—junior Ben Jefferson (6-9, 332).

DUKE

(4-7, 2-5) When Steve Spurrier was offensive coordinator at Duke under Red Wilson, the Blue Devils had two winning seasons and set an ACC total-offense record one fall (453.6 yards). Spurrier, the Heisman Trophy winner in 1966 (Florida), is now head coach and he's on the aerial offensive again. Duke people have named it "AirBall Excitement." Duke's last bowl appearance was January 1, 1961, in the Cotton Bowl.

There is excitement on the offense and 10 starters returning on defense—all except linebacker Mike Junkin, the fifth player chosen in the NFL draft (Cleveland). Spurrier is committed to the pass. In the spring game, there were 66 passes, compared with 46 running plays. A year ago, coach Steve Sloan's 3-1 start helped increase the Wallace Wade Stadium attendance 58 percent, second only to San Diego State among NCAA I-A teams. The first three games for Spurrier will be at home against Colgate, Northwestern, and Vanderbilt. It could be 3-0 out of the starting gate.

Among the 43 lettermen on hand, seven are starters on the offense which will be directed by senior Steve Slayden, the starting quarterback for 2½ seasons. Now the No. 3 passer in Duke history, he hit 58.5 percent of 313 throws last fall, worth 1,914 yards and 14 TDs. He did have 15 interceptions. Getting action in all 11 games, but throwing only 12 times, was junior Anthony Dilweg, who is also the punter. The running backs include senior Stanley Monk, junior Wayne Charles, and soph Roger Boone (moved from wide receiver) at tailback; senior Eric Sanders and junior John Rymiszewski (moved from defense) at fullback. They are inexperienced—the whole group gained 327 yards last fall.

Senior Jason Cooper (6-4, 246) is a solid tight end (39-438), backed by sophs David Colonna and Andy Anderson. Returning wide receivers are senior Doug Green (46-608) and junior Greg Downs. But reserves step up in the line, mainly soph Carey Metts (6-1, 251) at center. Senior Steve Ryan (6-3, 275) returns at guard, along with tackles Chris Port, a freshman All-America last year (6-7, 265), and junior Ted McNairy (6-5, 265).

The defense had some lapses last fall. The linemen are junior Jeff Patten (6-6, 231) and senior Dave Demore (6-2, 250), a two-year starter, at end; junior Brian Bernard (6-5, 270) and soph Marc Crayton (6-4, 255) at tackle.

Junkin is gone at linebacker but returning are senior Andy Andreas, a two-year starter; senior Jim Godfrey, voted defensive MVP in spring drills; along with senior Jim Worthington, voted the special teams' player of the year. Others include junior George Edwards and soph Jeff Brown. Senior Bob Calamari returns as rover in the secondary, alongside juniors Fonda Williams and Mike Diminick and senior Dewayne Terry. Diminick, who led the Blue Devils in tackles, was first-team academic All-America.

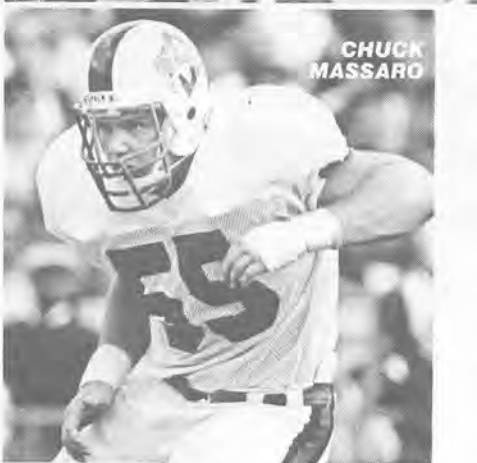
To all this, Spurrier said: "Anything less than a winning season is not acceptable."



NASRALLAH WORTHEN
N.C. State



JOEY PAGE

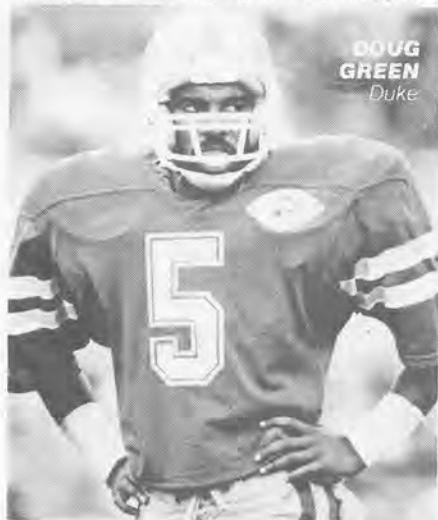


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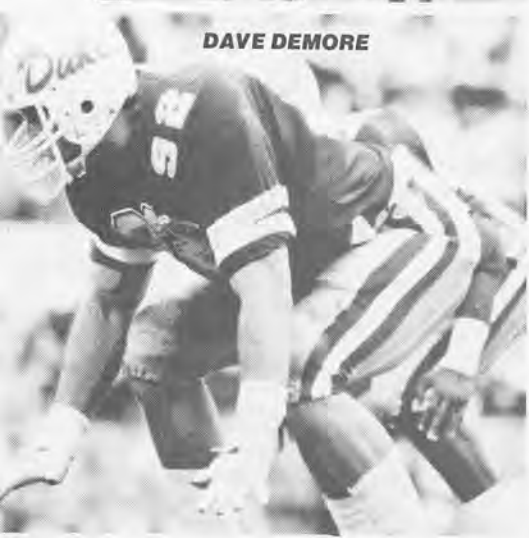
NORTH CAROLINA STATE

(8-3-1, 5-2) What can Dick Sheridan possibly do for an encore? He came from championship years at I-AA Furman to N.C. State, which had become stuck on 3-8 records. The Wolfpack came within a half-game of the ACC football title—and one second of winning the Peach Bowl, the Pack's first postseason trip in eight years. "We have a lot of big shoes to fill," said Sheridan. "The seniors were a major part of last year's achievements." That is an understatement. Gone are Erik Kramer, a two-time all-ACC quarterback (under two different coaches and systems); receiver Haywood Jeffires, a first-round NFL draftee; and place-kicker Mike Cofer, the top scorer.

It was a senior team that made 43 percent of its third-down opportunities, that was outscored, 23-47, in the first quarter but which beat the opposition, 124-76, in the final period. There are 51 lettermen on hand, and that includes practically all the second units.



DOUG GREEN
Duke



DAVE DEMORE

That's the strength of the Wolfpack this time around, capable of getting 300 points again—if Sheridan finds a quarterback. The schedule overlapping September and October finds the Pack at home against Maryland, Georgia Tech, and North Carolina. They are musts.

There is yet another "must" in the personnel search. Somebody's got to quarterback the option-I. Spring drills had six candidates, with only sophomore Cam Young experienced. In the spring game redshirt freshman Preston Poag came out a step ahead. Sophomore Shane Montgomery and walk-on junior Joe Hollowell will challenge.

Five starters return on offense. Mal Crite leads the fullbacks, Bobby Crumpler (581 yards) and Todd Varn the tailbacks. The receivers are A-plus: all-ACC Nasrallah Worthen, who led the nation before a hamstring pull, and speedster Danny Peebles. They are backed by seniors Mark Jones and Todd Fisher. Co-captain Joey Page (6-3, 255) shares tackle with junior Brock Miller (6-8, 275). Seniors Lenny Schultz and Jeff Strum are at guard, with junior Chuck Massaro returning at center.

The defensive line has both tackles back, junior John Adleta (6-4, 253) and soph Ray Agnew (6-4, 260), as senior Kent Winstead advances at nose guard. Outside linebackers again are Mark Smith and junior Scott Auer, but reserves move up at inside linebacker: junior Fred Stone and soph Grant Slavin from Ontario, Canada. Secondary regulars are Chris Johnson and junior Michael Brooks. Of Johnson, the strong safety, Sheridan said, "No one in the conference hits harder or has a better nose for the football."

The kicking game walks on new feet: punter Craig Salmon, who lettered in 1985, and place-kicker Bryan Carter, who sat out last fall and watched Cofer do it all.

WAKE FOREST

(5-6, 2-5) Bill Dooley, 52, winning in the Atlantic Coast area for 20 years (with nine bowls), was out looking for a job when Al Groh resigned at Wake Forest last January. Winning his last game at Virginia Tech (over N.C. State in the final second of the Peach Bowl), Dooley could sit at home with a nice dollar account, but he wanted to coach. At Wake he could step into a sound program, though not an ACC power. He has only 30 lettermen from a team



that missed an 8-3 record by 11 points, mainly because the defense couldn't stay alive.

"Our real concern is the line—we need more speed up front," said Dooley. Especially on defense, where the Deacons finished near the ACC bottom in yards and points surrendered. The Deacons could score, first in the ACC (29.5 ppg), but they were always faced

with coming from behind. Only in the first quarter were they outscored (68-82).

At North Carolina and Virginia Tech Dooley built a running game out of the I. Junior quarterback Mike Elkins hit 43.9 percent of 380 passes for 2,541 yards and 17 TDs, No. 1 in ACC total offense. He is backed by redshirt freshman Phillip Barnhill. Darryl McGill is the tailback (859 yards) while senior Chip Rives moves to fullback. He rushed for 679 yards, and the two scored 19 TDs. Backing them will be soph Mark Young and soph Brian Johnson, moved from linebacker.

Inexperience is lacking in the receiving corps and the line. Senior Greg Scales (6-4, 250), the No. 2 receiver with 34 catches and six TDs, starts at tight end, and possibly sophs Ricky Proehl and Steve Brown at wingback and split end. Up front only senior guard Paul Mann (6-3, 270) returns. Getting first call after spring drills are junior Jay Deaver (6-4, 246) at the other guard, senior Mike Rice (6-1, 265) and Wichita State transfer Roger Foltz (6-4, 246) at tackle, and soph Tony Mayberry (6-4, 248) at center.

Six starters return on defense, only two of them seniors. The ends are Mike Hooten (6-3, 230) and David Braxton, moved up from the secondary; the tackles Kelly Vaughan (6-3, 237), Terry Smith, or Mark Agentas; the nose guard Mike Smith, a redshirt freshman after an ankle injury last season.

More experience backs up the front. Linebacker Jimmie Simmons is a three-year letterman, third in tackles last fall. He will pair up with senior David Whitley or Warren Belin, a redshirt freshman with great potential. The strong point of the Deacon defense is the secondary, with three returning starters: junior Ernie Purnsley, second in tackles last year; junior A.J. Greene, a two-year starter (game-saving interceptions vs. Maryland and Georgia Tech); and senior Joe Walker. Junior Tony Mosley plays a corner, along with seniors Kyle White and Dexter Victor. Junior punter Martin Bailey (38.8 avg.) will get many calls.

VIRGINIA

(3-8, 2-5) Maybe coach George Welsh, age 54, who broke his leg in practice in November, should declare 1986 a redshirt year. After three straight Virginia winning seasons, the Cavaliers fell to three victories—although one of them came over N.C. State to knock the Wolfpack out of the ACC title. But on the positive side Virginia earned the CFA Academic Achievement Award for the second straight year (graduating 88.9 percent of its football squad). Welsh really means it when he says, "I like the idea that you can have high academic standards, a high graduation rate among the athletes, and have a good football team that will be competitive each week."

Virginia's offense lacked production on most Saturdays. Even its 37 points against William & Mary were not enough to win. And the defense gave up a lot of ground, 28.6 ppg, and only 10 times got to the opposing quarterback. With such time, the opposition completed 52.8 percent over the full campaign. The Cavs were outscored in every quarter.

At quarterback Scott Secules started for the injured Dan Majkowski in three games and for the season hit 75 passes for 956 yards and four TDs. He is backed by redshirt freshman Shawn Moore, who did well in spring drills. Although the offense got only nine TDs rush-

ing, there is experience. Soph Durwin Greggs ended up as the starting fullback with 404 yards, along with juniors Chris Warren and Kevin Morgan, backed by junior Pat Toland and redshirt soph Dan Porter. Warren returned kicks and ranked No. 21 in nation in all-purpose running (131.5 ypg). The receivers are excellent: senior Keith Mattioli, who didn't catch a pass until last fall, then had 44 for a Cavalier high in 11 years, and junior John Ford (6-3, 200), who had five TDS.

The offensive line returns Tim Morris (6-3, 249) at center, John Fetsko (6-4, 246) and Roy Brown (6-6, 249) at guard, and Chris Minear (6-2, 275) at tackle. Joel Dempsey (6-3, 235), also the returning punter, redshirt freshmen Don Collins (6-5, 261), Rip Leonard (6-4, 283), and Ken Plumb (6-7, 305) fill out the unit.



Defensively, even with nine starters back, it is a young unit that yielded considerable yardage. Linebackers will be junior David Griggs, voted the most improved Cavalier in spring drills; junior Jeff Lageman (6-6, 234), a starter in the final five games; and soph Phil Thomas, No. 2 in tackles. Seven lettermen are in the secondary, including Eric Clay, Mike Pettine, Kevin Cook, and Ryan Jackson, another of the three-letter winners.

Up front there are ends Sean Scott (6-3, 207), a three-year starter and the leading tackler, and soph Ray Savage, moved from linebacker. Junior Judd Rupp (6-4, 244) returns at nose guard, where he finished last fall, and the tackles are Craig Murden (6-4, 229) and junior Kelly Caulk (6-2, 230), along with redshirt freshman Ron Carey (6-3, 265).

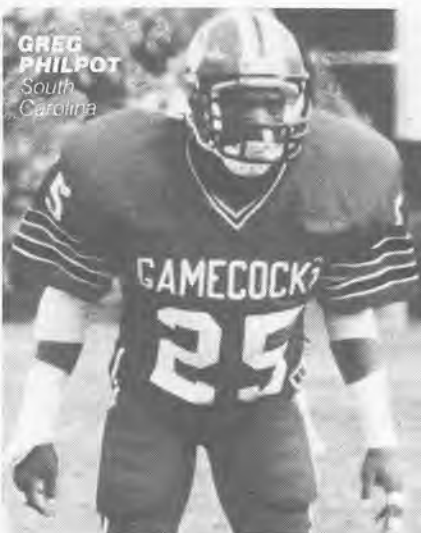
SOUTH CAROLINA

(3-6-2) The Gamecocks survived last fall, but they admit it was quite a struggle. Coach Joe Morrison, in his fourth season, installed a new aerial game, called Run and Shoot, and it ranked No. 3 in the nation in passing, 17th in scoring. But it was a frustrating season, with three defeats by a total nine points—and last-second field goals missed in the two ties. Seven of those opposing teams went to postseason bowls. There are 50 lettermen and 15 starters on hand, although only 14 seniors, so South Carolina is still a young squad. It needs depth at certain key positions, and games 3-4-5 are against Miami, Georgia, and Nebraska—on the road.

Offensively, once again, the Gamecocks' focus is on an outstanding quarterback, sophomore Todd Ellis (6-3, 203). As a freshman, he set NCAA records with 3,020 yards passing and 23 TDs. He is backed by four freshmen: Brian Chaney, Charles Seoane, Dick DeMasi, and Dennis Addison. Runners will be sophs Harold Green, who had 388 yards, and Ray Bolton and juniors Kevin Jones and Keith Bing. Receivers are another Gamecock strength, led by senior wingback Sterling Sharpe. "Not a better all-round athlete in the country," claims Morrison. Sharpe was fifth in the nation with 74 catches, 1,106 yards, and 72 points. Other starters are senior Kevin White, junior Ryan Bethea, and soph Vic McConnell. Up front are center Woody Myers (6-5, 260), guards Charlie Gowan (6-4, 260) and Paul Shivers (6-3, 245), and tackle Mark Fryer (6-4, 244). They are supported by Kenny Haynes (6-3, 276), David Poinsett (6-5, 277), and Randy Harrell (6-2, 247).

On defense, the Gamecocks installed a new 50 alignment, and there are seven starters back from last fall. Senior Roy Hart (6-0, 245) led the linemen in tackles last fall as nose guard. He'll be joined by Derrick Frazier (6-3, 255), Brendon McCormack (6-6, 268), and Kurt Wilson (6-2, 245). Derrick Little, who was switched to linebacker in the fifth game, started thereafter. He is a key, Kevin Hendrix returns, along with Matt McKernan, Curtis Kilgore, and Shed Diggs. A veteran secondary is on hand, including returning starters Greg Philpott, Brad Edwards, and Robert Robinson, backed by Ken Sally and Ron Rabune.

The university's 94th football season can be an exciting one, and finding a good placekicker, to replace Scott Hagler, can be an important element.



GREG PHILPOTT
South Carolina

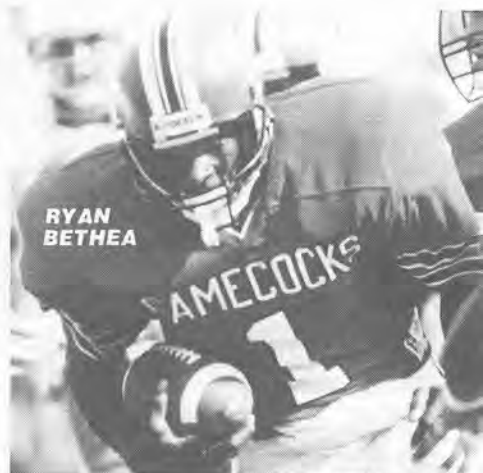
VIRGINIA TECH

(9-2-1) Nobody could write out the final seconds of a football season with more theatrics than the Hokies of 1986. They concluded the most successful year in Virginia Tech football, and Chris Kinzer booted a field goal as the Peach Bowl clock ran out to beat N.C. State. It was also the final play for coach Bill Dooley, the veteran coach/athletic director who encountered administrative conflicts and settled a long-term contract. In came Frank Beamer, the first alumnus to coach Hokie football in over four decades.

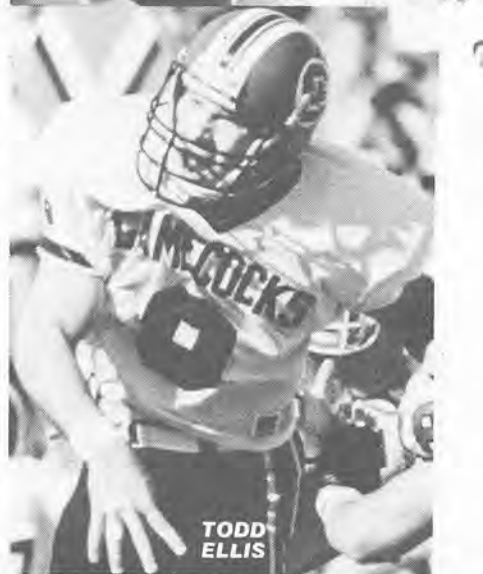
At Murray State coach Beamer established a 42-23-2 record in six seasons, including the Ohio Valley Conference championship in 1986. During one stretch, his team ranked in the Division I-AA national poll's top 20 for 22 consecutive weeks—an NCAA record.

The schedule starts with Clemson, and that could be the toughest opponent on the list. Then the Hokies go to Virginia, and that's for bragging rights in the state. Beamer has 60 lettermen, but only five starters in each unit. Among the keys: Kinzer, the nation's leading field goal kicker last fall when his boots provided the victory margin in six games. That's proficiency written in indelible ink.

Defense, always a V-Tech strength, will return to the wide-tackle six. Key returnees to starting roles will be linebackers Jamel Agemy and Lawrence White, who underwent knee surgery last December and missed the Peach Bowl. Holdovers Randy Cockrell, Leslie Bailey, and Don Stokes compete. Outside



RYAN BETHEA
Gamecocks



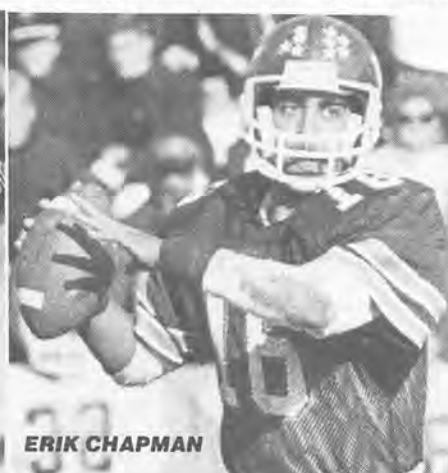
TODD ELLIS
Gamecocks

will be the experienced Sean Lucas and Eddie Neel, moved from the secondary, which has starters Billy Myers, Scott Rice, and Mitch Dove. Scott Hill moves from tackle to end. He's a starting candidate along with Chuck Watson, off the special teams, and redshirt freshmen Jimmy Whitten, Rich Williams, and Richard Saunders. That leaves Horacio Moronta, a backup at several positions last fall, the top candidate at tackle, paired with Tom Hall, moved from the offense. Al Wiley, Greg Drew, and highly promising redshirt freshman Al Chamblee also are on the line.

Back to direct the attack is quarterback Erik Chapman (1,627 yards passing and 10 TDs). Again in the Hokie fold are three of the top passing targets: tight end Steve Johnson and flankers David Everett and Myron Richardson. Three experienced fullbacks, Earnie Jones, Sean Donnelly, and Rich Fox, also return. But at tailback there is a total of 83 yards rushing: Malcolm Blacken and Tyrone Branch. Redshirt freshmen Lamar Smith and Ralph Brown also figure. Senior Kevin Keeffe, perhaps the best offensive lineman last fall, returns at guard, with reserve Todd Grantham (6-1, 276) a possible tackle starter with senior Rodney Good (6-2, 256). Glenn Watts, a transfer from Alabama, could win the other guard spot, while center appears to be in good hands with John FitzHugh and Chris Henderson. And there's always Kinzer, the junior from Dublin, VA, who always has a winning kick coming from somewhere on the Hokie field.



CHRIS KINZER
Virginia Tech



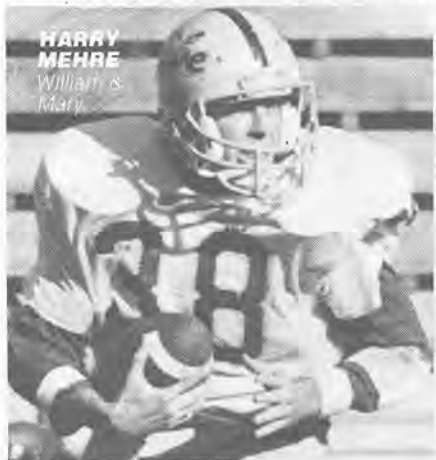
ERIK CHAPMAN
Hokies

WILLIAM & MARY

(9-3) Apparently there's no such thing as rebuilding in coach Jimmie Laycock's program. A year ago, the Indians lost quarterback Stan Yagiello, holder of 12 school records, so Laycock utilized Ken Lambiotte, who threw for 2,609 yards and 23 touchdowns. Now Lambiotte is gone. So is Michael Clemons, who carried the ball 232 times (1,118 yards), caught 73 passes (505 yards), and scored 96 points. Laycock is coming off his fourth straight winning season, ranked No. 8 in the NCAA I-AA final poll.

The understatement of the year might well be coach Laycock's on the quarterback situation: "We're pretty wide open at quarterback." Craig Argo was third on the depth chart last fall, but never tossed one of the team's 447 passes. Behind him is soph Crain Kugler. To take Clemons's spots will be walkon Erick Elliott (5-7, 165), a sophomore who averaged 5.7 yards on 55 attempts. Larry Black and Reggie Hodnett have considerable experience at fullback. The receiving corps will be strong. In starting roles again will be Harry Mehre (52 catches, 871 yards, eight TDs) and Dave Szydluk (56-769-5). That leaves the vacated tight-end spot to senior Tom Lewis, a part-time starter last fall, and Matt Shiffler. Four starters return on the line: Dave Hickman (6-2, 242) at center, John Menke (6-5, 261) at tackle, and Scott Perkins (6-3, 251) and Fred Miller (6-3, 255) at guard. Vying for starting positions will be Larry Modrak (6-3, 255), Andy Linn (6-4, 250), and Scott Ratamess.

Defensively, only five starters return. Joe Monaco (6-3, 244) is at tackle, with seniors Don Savage, Dale Schnackel, and Todd Scuggs. Replacing Dave Pocha (147 unassisted tackles) at linebacker will be sophs Todd Lee and Chris Gartin. Two-year starter Dave



Wiley and junior Kerry Gray return as outside linebackers. Greg Wharton and Greg Kimball started in the secondary, and they will be joined by Ryan Ferebee and Don Pearce. Sophomore Steve Christie aims to improve his statistics: 76 points and 40.6 punting average.

EAST CAROLINA

(2-9) Coach Art Baker has been through more than enough of 2-9 seasons, but the schedule (opening with N.C. State, Florida State, and Illinois) does not get any easier as the Pirates battle as a I-A independent. They were robbed by the officials of one victory, lost several others in the final quarter, when they were outscored, 111-63. They had a new offense, the Run and Shoot, but were outmanned.

In his third season, Baker believes he has "a much better football team. We've not had the players to line up against the caliber of opponents that we have faced the past couple of seasons." The likes of Auburn, Penn State, Temple, and Miami, for instance. The Pirates may use several players both ways: Shannon Bowling at defensive end and tight end; Junior Robinson, wide receiver and secondary; Ed Brogden, secondary and quarterback.

The defense, which gave up a disastrous 364 points last fall, returns nine starters. It will be anchored by the strong linebacking combination of seniors Bubba Waters and Vinson Smith, who together had 209 tackles. Waters also had five sacks. The secondary is a concern although three regulars return: Ellis Dilla-hunt, Flint McCallum, and Roswell Streeter. The line features senior nose guard Medrick Rainbow (5-11, 256), backed up by Carl Carney, and tackles Walter Bryant, Mike Donohue, and Rodney Glover, and ends Willie Powell and John Williamson. North Carolina transfer Mike Applewhite (6-3, 280), the strongest man on the squad, will see plenty of work, too.

The Pirate offense has Charlie Libretto and Travis Hunter at quarterback, although neither hit 50 percent of his passes. Senior fullback Anthony Simpson returns as leading rusher (753 yards), while the slots will have Reggie McKinney, Willie Lewis, and Wake Forest transfer Carl Barkers. Wide receiver returns a host of experienced players and should be a strong position. Soph Walter Wilson is the big-play man, along with seniors Andre Fields, Jackie Armstrong, and Tony Smith. Tailback Jarod Moody was the top receiver last fall (22 catches). The line has experience. Ben Billings starts at tight end, ahead of Matt McLaughlin and David Carr. Two part-time starters are at guard, Joe Molineux (6-3, 255) and Billy Michel (6-5, 270), but there are vacancies at tackle. John O'Driscoll (6-4, 285) leads the charge, with Chad Martin, Wes Johnson, and Tod Creech. Grant Lowe (6-5, 262) at center is the Pirates' best blocker.

JAMES MADISON

(5-5-1) Maybe this is the year. When the university people talk about "JMU Football: A Growing Tradition," they speak from a land of tradition: a university named for the fourth president of the United States, a team nickname (Dukes) from the second president of the college, which was founded in 1908 as the State Normal and Industrial School for Women. Coach Joe Purzycki, in his third season, wants a winning tradition.

The Dukes came close last fall. They started 0-3 but went 5-2-1 for the remainder of a schedule rated the toughest in I-AA by the NCAA. The wing-T offense averaged 385.5 yards per Saturday and the defense ranked No. 10 in the nation. They outscored opponents in every quarter, including an 89-29 first-period advantage. But, yes, the Dukes came up short, by 10 points in a total of four games.

That is the basis of 1987 optimism, starting with the returning quarterback, Eric Green, who had a school-record 16 TDs in only 125 pass attempts. Rodney Stockett returns as running back, ahead of Tony Graddy. Wide receiver Neal Wilkinson (6-5, 226) averaged 22.7 yards on 16 receptions and six TDs. The other receivers are redshirt freshman Keith Thornton and juco transfer Kelvin Dale. Soph Greg Medley moves up at fullback.

Four of last season's five starters return on the line. The Dukes averaged 251.9 yards rushing and 27 points per game last fall. Guard Carlo Bianchini (6-1, 270), honorable mention All-America, leads this front with tackle Roy Delph (6-3, 250), guard Ron Hilliard (6-1, 269), and center Ron Halikman (6-0, 241).

Jim Eckenrode (6-6, 274) is the only returning starter on the three-man defensive front. He moved to defense at midseason after starting several games as an offensive tackle. Linebacking appears to be the strength of the unit which allowed only 16.2 ppg. last fall. Among the veterans are Albert Williams, Dan Kobosho, Shawn Woodwon, and Marty Fitzgerald, who transferred from N.C. State. Purzycki will have only senior Chris Jacobs returning in the backfield, supported by redshirt freshman Eupton Jackson, John Gutter, James Weatherspoon, and Lamont Breedlove. Punter John Druett was an honorable mention All-America selection last season when he averaged 40.6 yards per kick.

TOWSON STATE

(8-3-1) Towson's Tigers will be prowling at a new level in college football. After eight years in NCAA Division II, the Tigers advance to I-AA competition. In that period of success,

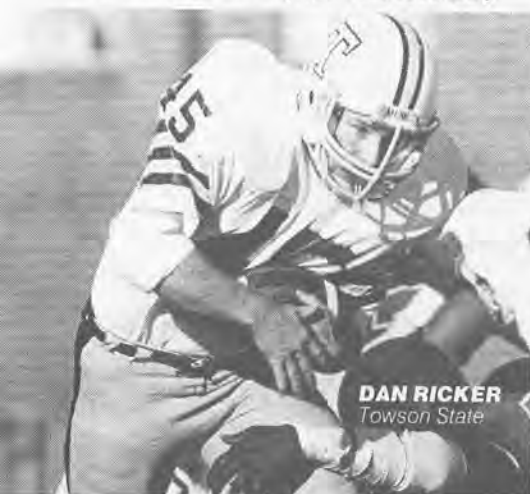


Towson was ECAC team of the year thrice and made the NCAA playoffs three of the past four years. But as veteran coach Phil Albert says, beginning his 16th Tiger season, "It's time to move on." But he admitted, "We're not going to be in a hurry." That's almost in direct contrast to his approach each Saturday last fall. The Tigers outscored opponents, 76-6, in the first quarter—possibly the best record in the country. But they have to replace two senior quarterbacks plus half the defensive unit.

Even so, the offense remains in good hands. Redshirt freshman Chris Goetz and soph Dave Benner vie for quarterback. Seniors abound on the attack, with nine starters returning. Danny Ricker set a school record with 1,028 yards rushing. Fullback Scott Wil-

kings returns as well. Dale Chipps, ECAC player of the year, caught a school-record 63 passes (1,135 yards). Other seniors are tight end Doug Brooks, tackle Scott McCluskey (6-4, 250), guard Chuck Konka, and all-ECAC center John Gaburick (6-2, 255).

Linebacker Mark Angle led in tackles, teaming with Don Sponaule, Glenn Schmidt, and Jim Corridon. Randy Morris and Rodney Smith return at guard and Leon Walton (6-3, 245) and Bill Stup (6-3, 270) at tackle. Bryant Hall and Chris Kelley spark the secondary.



DAN RICKER
Towson State

WOFFORD

(4-6-1) There are 41 lettermen in the Terrier camp, including the NAIA all-district quarterback. Wofford, as an independent, competes in the NAIA, where it has been formidable over recent football seasons. All-district punter Brian Mathis returns, but record-setting place-kicker Brett Schulman does not.

Despite the fact that eight starters are gone from the offensive unit, coach Rick Gilstrap finds the attack ready to move on. It is engineered by senior quarterback Chuck Fraser, and the backfield is experienced. To carry the ball again are fullback Kevin German and tailbacks Tim Forman and Scott Warner, along with sophomore Keith Davis. Center Brian Hammond, a transfer from Clemson, heads the line. Jeff Reeves has been moved to guard. Junior John Whisonant starts at one tackle. Other starting spots have less experience, including receiver Michael Bridges, who missed the season with an injury.

Two all-district performers spark the defense: Bret Masters, an NAIA honorable mention All-America linebacker, and end Neal Robinson. Bruce Stuard returns at nose guard and sophomores Allen Henderson and Mark Diffenderfer advance to tackle. Dennis Hemphill and Sean Keenan return in the secondary.

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APPALACHIAN STATE

(9-2-1, 6-0-1) Last season's Southern Conference football championship was the first for Appalachian State. In his three years at ASU, Sparky Woods has been Southern Conference coach of the year twice. His team lost only to ACC Wake Forest in the regular season a year ago. The Mountaineers were ranked No. 6 in the final I-AA national poll.

There are 42 lettermen returning, and starters remain in both lines. But gone are six all-

conference stars, including All-America John Settle (126 points, 354 carries, 31 school records, 19 league marks). At quarterback is experienced senior Todd Payton, born Tuan Anh Payton in South Vietnam 21 years ago. His two-year mark is 16-5-1. Recognizing the loss of Settle, Woods said, "We have to ask more of our quarterback and improve our passing game." Payton's backup is Tommy Laurendine, who beat JMU when Payton was injured.

Fullback is three deep, including senior starter Doug Beaty, while youngsters move to tailback. Soph Ritchie Melchor returns with 533 yards, junior Tim Sanders with 196. Receivers with experience are Sam Wesley, Wardell Jefferson, and Joe Briggs. Senior Steve Wilkes (6-5, 256) is the tight end. Four starters remain up front, along with all-SC senior tackle James Hardman (6-5, 277), out last fall with an injury. The four regulars are all-SC center Terry Poore, tackle Ron Johnson (6-4, 272), and guards Robert Joyce (6-3, 260) and Bob Bigger (6-4, 261).

Three starters return on the defensive line, headed by senior Anthony Downs (6-2, 275), a two-time all-conference choice. Senior end Dennis Sanders was the top tackler a year ago, and the tackles are Chris Conner (6-3, 252) and Jimmy Snowden (6-4, 298), backed by Rayford Cannon and Anthony Waters. Linebacking is a strength, especially with senior Kenny Blacknell and juniors Sam Sanders and Eric Meneffee, but the secondary is a major concern. Starters include senior Leonard Lee and soph Mark Moore, but inexperience exists. Such is not the case in punting, with Jason Harkins returning, and certainly not in place-kicking, where Swedish-born, left-footed Bjorn Nittmo ranked fifth in the I-AA stats last fall. He booted field goals up to 54 yards.

MARSHALL

(6-4-1, 3-3) The Thundering Herd will be seeking its fourth straight winning season. In coach George Chaump's first year, the Herd was playing for the Southern Conference title as late as the 10th game with a 3-1 mark. Losses to eventual champ Appalachian and to Western Carolina closed the SC season at 3-3. The Herd people talk in quiet terms about the conference title possibility, but they are optimistic about making the NCAA I-AA playoffs. They were outscored only in the fourth quarter a year ago.

Chaump's first spring practice brought about several position shifts: Jerome Hazard from defense to fullback, Jim Torres from tackle to center, and Mike Crick from linebacker to nose guard. Tailback Kerry Parks suffered a knee injury, though.

Quarterback is a plus. John Gregory started the first four games, then was injured, and Tony Petersen took over and finished the season. He had 1,599 passing yards, eight TDs, but there were 13 interceptions. With Parks hurt, tailback will have SC freshman of the year Ron Darby and Darryl Deboes. Darby had 327 yards rushing, averaged 23.4 on kickoff returns; Deboes had 489 yards and was second in pass receiving (17). The receivers called themselves the "Killer Bees," and the head stinger was Mike Barber, all-SC with 64 catches for 1,180 yards and seven TDs. Tight end Rod Barnes and Bruce Hammond were also starters, backed by Keith Baxter and Vincent Bodie.

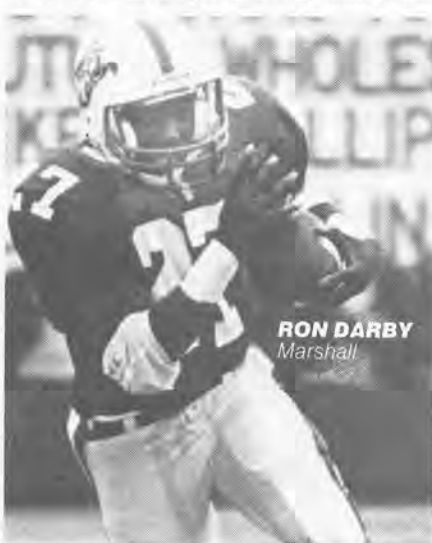
There is experience up front. At tackles are

Mike Talkington (6-3, 280) and Greg Adkins (6-4, 282); the guards are John Halford (6-2, 274) and Jay Gleich (6-4, 265), with Torres (6-4, 240) at center.

Marshall's defensive unit misses a regular up front and in the secondary. In the line Bill Mendoza (6-2, 248) starts at tackle, having been at nose guard last fall, a spot taken over by Crick. Preston Washington moved from the offense. Shawn Finnan (6-2, 245) is the other tackle. Outside linebackers are all-SC Cecil Fletcher and junior Nick McKnight, while inside backers are again all-SC John Spellacy, the leading tackler, and Rondell Wannamaker. The secondary set a school record with 22 interceptions last fall. It is paced by all-SC Reggie Giles, who led the league with eight, one an 84-yard return against Western Carolina. Other starters will be Mark Snyder, a transfer from Oklahoma State, and Darryl Burgess, with part-time regulars of last fall R.J. Beals and Kenny Green.

FURMAN

(7-3-2, 4-2-1) Furman's football Paladins, more colorfully known as the Purple Paladins, have a history of knowing how to turn things around. When Dick Sheridan left after the 1985 NCAA Division I-AA national championship game, 26 seniors left with him. But Jimmy Satterfield, elevated from the staff, took it all in stride, and made it back to the I-AA playoffs. Furman won seven games in the process, and



RON DARBY
Marshall

loyal Paladins still talk about the opening 17-17 tie with Georgia Tech, in Atlanta no less. This fall, Furman has 33 seniors among the lettermen, and there's probably not another college in the nation which can say that.

The defense was outstanding, leading the SC in every category, and from this experienced fraternity return all except three positions in the secondary. Russell Rush returns in the defensive backfield, and there are some excellent athletes to step into the vacated spots: Mike Wilson at free safety, Julius Dixon at one corner, and Lon Thomas and Cherod Webber competing at the other. Returning linebackers will be seniors Darryl Gardner and Jeff Blankenship. The front five finds Philip Ferguson (6-2, 240) at nose guard with Al Peterson (6-1, 235) and Brian Allison (6-2, 237) at the tackles. The ends are Tim Stepp and Adrian Despres (6-5, 238).

Running the option offense again will be

quarterback Chris Speaks, who hit only 48 percent of his passes while directing a sound ground game. After a season-long injury last fall, junior John Bagwell (5-10, 208) takes over the tailback spot again. He was a starter in 1985 when Furman played in the national title game, in which Bagwell scored four TDs. Competing will be senior Lamar Bell, who got 150 yards against UTC, the win that propelled the Paladins into the NCAA playoffs. The fullback is again Kennet Goldsmith. Mark Rudder is at flanker, Larry Grady at split end, and Bill Duncan (6-2, 220) and Tim Fox at tight end. Two juniors move up to the line: Fe Cowan (6-1, 246) at tackle and Elton Bailey (5-11, 221) at guard. All-conference Alex Albert (6-0, 228) returns at the other guard, senior Mark Brown (6-2, 233) at the other tackle. Bobby Kelly is the center.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

(6-5, 4-3) The Buccaneers have already tasted success with coach Mike Ayers, elevated from the defensive coordinator and now entering his third season as the head man. From a terrible 0-10-1 record in his debut, ETSU turned in an impressive and winning mark last fall. Its turnaround ranked in a tie with Holy Cross as second-best improvement in the nation for I-AA. East Tennessee claimed victory in four of the last five games in November, and that naturally spells optimism. It was a ground-dominated offense, 70.4 percent of

Line regulars on hand again include tackle Andy Naylor (6-3, 279), guards Lee Duckworth (6-1, 228) and Troy DeCastro (6-2, 233), and center Dave Berliner (6-2, 260). In reserve are Ken York, Bryan Morgan, and Don Beedle.

One tackle and the strong safety are the only two defensive positions which do not have returning starters. Senior Alger Williams (6-0, 252), who started several games at nose guard, has been moved to tackle to work with starters Rod Simpson (6-3, 230) and Matt Toole (6-5, 228), both seniors. That moves redshirt freshman Jeff Page (6-2, 237), injured last fall, into the starting nose guard. Linebacker will be a solid position with Albert English and Shane Player leading, along with part-time starter Scott Sutton on hand. English led the Bucs in tackles and might rate as the best linebacker in the conference. Plenty of experience returns to the secondary, headed by junior Rick Harris, tops with seven interceptions in a team defense that recorded 23 for the season. Other starters include seniors Derrick Hollie and Scott Kirby and juniors Thane Gash and Juan McGarrath.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

(4-7, 2-4) If coach Buddy Nix sought to nix any portion of the immediate past football season, it would have to be the inconsistency. The Moccasins won only four games, but they outscored their opponents over the full campaign. That was accountable in three games: victories by 33-3 over Tennessee Tech, 42-7 over The Citadel, and 34-7 over Western Carolina. But they failed to get a touchdown against Eastern Kentucky and scored only one against Furman.

This time Nix, in his fourth season, will have 42 lettermen as they open at home against Eastern Kentucky, then face two important conference foes on the road. It will be a quick test for a team that lost its top rusher, passer, and receiver, and its entire defensive line.

The defense, boosted by junior Billy Smith's punting (39.3 avg.), has its strength at linebacker and in the secondary. Willie Greenway, No. 2 in the SC with 14.2 tackles per game, returns alongside Junior Jackson, backed by Zach Ervin, Horatio Lee, and David Ketchum. Juniors Bobby Grier and Marlon Riggins led the secondary in interceptions, and they start again with Reggie Solomon and Mike Lowman. Backing them up will be Russ Stinnett and Phil Hooks. William Ivery and Phil Panky are at end, backed by Cedric Bates and Jerome Merrill. The biggest man up front, Terry Bess (6-5, 250), teams with Terry Mitchell (6-5, 210) at tackle; Tony Bowick (6-2, 255) is the nose guard.

Junior quarterback Brad Patterson shared the role a year ago, throwing 96 passes for 462 yards. The runners are led by Darryl Streeter (339 yards) and Andre Lockhart (306) at tailback. Streeter also added 607 yards returning 27 kickoffs. Senior Steve Colwell is the fullback with Jamieson Nance.

Quintin Alford returns as a starting wide receiver, and four other lettermen totaled 59 catches last fall: Kelvin Philpot, Danny Barnes, Steve Nix, and James Drake. The offensive line is intact, sparked by three seniors: tackle Ben Smith (5-4, 260), guard Scott Campbell (6-2, 260), and center Joe Kelly (6-2, 250). They team with Doug Miller (6-2, 255) at tackle and Mark Durby (6-0, 235) at guard, backed by David Banks, Ricky Bray, Travis

Ballard, and Ronnie Nordan. Important to the offense again will be place-kicker Dennis Waters, the top scorer last fall with 57 points.

WESTERN CAROLINA

(6-5, 5-2) Nobody looks forward to the 1987 football season more than Bob Waters, 48, going into his 19th year with the Catamounts. For Waters, however, it's a continuing fight against gridiron opponents and Lou Gehrig's Disease, which a year ago deprived him of the use of both arms. He gave up the athletic directorship to concentrate on his love—football. He puts it bluntly: "I'm enjoying coaching football today as much as ever, and possibly even more than ever. I have no plans to quit coaching, and I went through this recruiting season telling the young men we were interested in that I would be the head coach at Western Carolina when they were seniors."

When the Cats finished off last season by winning five of the final seven games, there was optimism for this year. However, the schedule begins at Clemson and at South Carolina, no garden spots for any visitors.

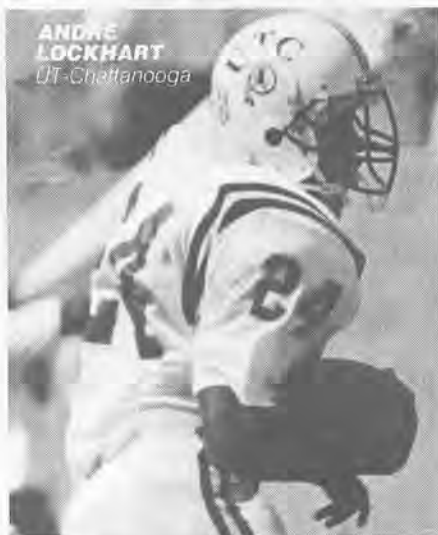
Senior Kenny Edwards, in seven games with only 34 passes, and sophomore Todd Cottrell, never having taken a game snap, will try to replace all-SC Willie Perkins. They have tailback David Mayfield (515 yards, 25 passes caught, 11 TDs) returning. Fullback falls to sophomores Roy Johnson, who carried the ball once last fall, and Davis Jones, who has been moved from defensive tackle. All-SC Vince Howell is the leading receiver (53 catches, 764 yards), pushed in the spring by Lee Shaw and Earl Bates. Todd Currie returns at split end, but tight end has non-lettering sophs Raymond Taylor and Jon Reed. The offensive line is intact: all-SC Steve Hall (6-4, 241) and Kevin Sowell at guard, John Martin at tackle, and Jay Mulwee (6-4, 240) at center.

Only three starters departed the defense. On the line are ends Scott Arant and Geno Segers and tackle Chris Spach. The linebackers are Everett Spellman and Larry Inman. The secondary returns Charles Harrison, Kenny Peeples, Calvin Gist, and Toussaint Kennedy.

One key is the player Waters calls "the best kicker in the nation," senior Kirk Roach. The barefoot sidewinder, No. 1 in I-AA in field goals (24) and kicking points (96), has been first-team All-America twice.

THE CITADEL

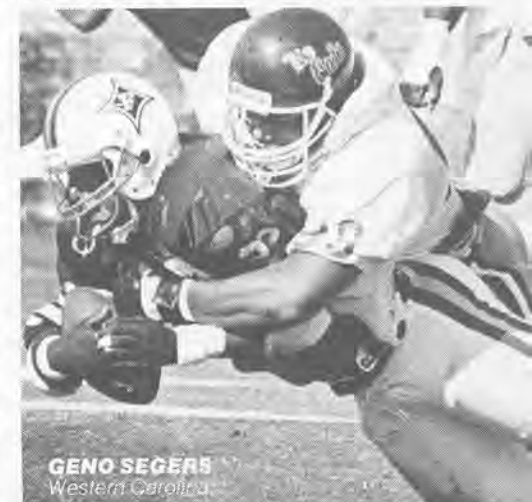
(3-8, 0-6) Coach Charlie Taaffe, 36, comes



ANDRE
LOCKHART
UT-Chattanooga

the scrimmage snaps coming off the veer's rushing attack.

The veer will be operated by senior Jeff Morgan, the first time since 1979 the Bucs have started a football season with an experienced quarterback. The only area lacking is the kicking game, where two-time All-America George Cimadevilla has departed. Morgan is the only quarterback rated in the conference's top 10 in four offensive categories. He was fifth in passing (1,104 yards, seven TDs) and 10th in rushing (475 yards, nine TDs). He was made for the veer. Sophomore Roosevelt Way, who rushed for 598 yards, heads the backfield with David Harvin, Dave Springmeier, George Searcy, and Albert Burt. The receiving corps is another strong unit. Junior Cedric Solomon heads the list with his 25 catches, along with Sam Brown and Dale Middleton. Tight end Denny Rebber moves to the first unit, having had 18 receptions last fall.

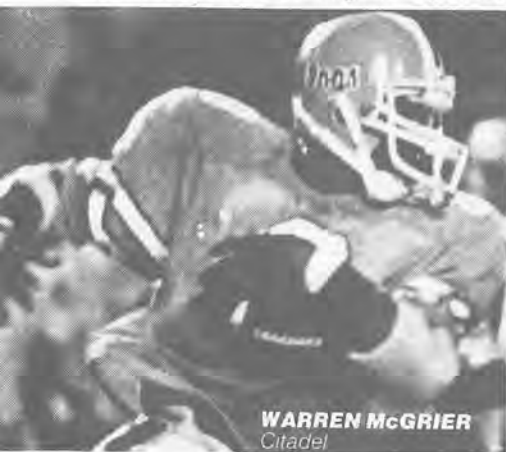


GENO SEGERS
Western Carolina

into the military atmosphere of The Citadel with his theme of "Pride, Poise, and Team" well received. In addition, he's spent the past four seasons as offensive coordinator at Army. He's putting in a new Bulldog offense (the wishbone) and a new defense (the 50). But Taaffe insisted: "I don't believe in talking about rebuilding. To me, that's a crutch for players and staff. We're preparing to win immediately."

Well and good. There are eight returning starters on each unit. Maybe it's good there's no returning quarterback, with the new wishbone. Whoever wins the role starts off with a new attack. The pre-conference schedule provides a chance to experiment, somewhat that is. It lists Wofford, Georgia Tech, Presbyterian, and Army. Players have been shifted for the wishbone.

Junior Tommy Burriss might be the No. 1 quarterback after a seven-game experience



WARREN MCGRIER
Citadel

last fall. Also in the picture is Gene Brown, a defensive back for two seasons; Gene Cathcart, a wide receiver last fall; David Matherly, a defensive back; and Darrell Creedon. The running backs have experience: top rusher Warren McGrier (60-220) at fullback, No. 2 rusher Tom Frooman, and Vernon Jones or Harold Singleton at halfbacks. They are backed by junior Roger Witherspoon and Adrian Johnson. The tight end is Trent Donley and the wide receivers Ron Galvin, Anthony Brevard, and Eric Redish. Seven lettermen are in the line, but only two returning starters: Scott Dennis (6-3, 280) at tackle and Carlos Avalos (6-2, 250) at guard. With them are George Thomas (6-1, 245), Charles Wallace (6-1, 260), and Jason Matthews (6-2, 235).

First-team All-America Scott Thompson (6-5, 270), now a senior, bolsters the defensive line. With 183 tackles he was the Southern Conference defensive player of the year. Moved from end, Bob Brodsky (6-4, 225) will be the weak-side tackle, and former linebacker Rick Campbell (6-2, 225) has been moved to nose guard. The ends are seniors Mike Kissenberth and Lance Thompson. The linebacking appears set with Matt Larkin and Pete Long. But the secondary has only one starter available again: junior J.D. Cauthen at free safety. Other regulars will be Jay Jackson, Chris Sullivan, and Gary Klasnic.

Inexperience is a major concern. The same applies to the kicking game which lost Greg Davis, I-AA's No. 1 punter. Sophomore Hank Burriss, the younger brother of the quarterback, may be the replacement.

VIRGINIA MILITARY

(1-10, 1-5) There had been hope in coach Eddie Williamson's new regime at VMI, but disaster struck. Williamson went to naval terms to describe the worst: "Like a battered ship adrift in the water... but we haven't sunk yet." It was the way the Keydets closed out last fall that brought that optimistic note: close games with Appalachian and East Tennessee. In the last three games, quarterback Dave Brown threw for 995 yards and four TDs.

The defense gave up 33 points and 412 yards per game and were outscored in every quarter because the offense also fell apart when fullback John Parrott suffered a shoulder separation in the fifth game. VMI did beat The Citadel, 47-30, but only thrice could the Keydets get as many as three touchdowns.

Much of the upcoming load falls to the defense, which has to be better. There are nine starters, plus Mike Wood, who started in the 1985 season. He teams with Kevin Washington at linebacker. In the secondary will be Bill McGarran, Mike Mayo, and Tracy Toye. Sophs Mark Cager, Dave Petka, and Mike Kemp also figure. In the line are these starters: Todd Freiwald (6-5, 241) and Robert Susner (6-4, 245) at end and Dan Young (6-0, 245), a first-team academic All-America, and Erick Diehl (5-11, 258) at tackle.

Seven starters return to the offense, which again has junior Dave Brown at quarterback. Chris Bunn was an early starter last fall, but Brown took over and hit 50.7 percent of his passes (1,995 yards and 10 TDs—only one less than 30 yards). Mark Stock is the main receiver (45 catches for 1,123 yards and an NCAA record with a 24.9 average). James Wright had 26 catches and Dan McGrew returns at tight end. The running game will be better. It generated only 91.1 yards on the average. Senior fullback John Parrott had 228 yards in the first five games, then injury benched him. Charles Plageman and Arturo Johnson back him. At tailback are Joe France and Travis Mabrey. The offensive line moves Phil Rigglerman (6-1, 267) from tackle to share the guard assignment with Aubrey Walton (6-4, 245); the tackles are Joe Hurley (6-4, 267) and Troy Clark (6-5, 258). Bill Powers (6-3, 249) returns at center.

Place-kicking will fall to incoming rookies Wade Hawkins and Richard McNinn.

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HOWARD

The Bison dropped three of their first four games before catching fire. Cooling them off now will be a challenge. They averaged 40 points a game in winning their final seven and every offensive starter returns.

Junior Lee DuBose (539 yards rushing, 990 yards and 13 TDs passing) directs the option attack game. All-NEAC tailback Harvey Reed (1,386 yards, 18 TDs) handles the bulk of the running. Defenses must concentrate on the ground-oriented attack, which opens the air lanes for receivers Derrick Fraison (9 TDs among his 18 catches, 499 yards) and Curtis Chappell (16 receptions, 201 yards, four TDs). Chappell also averaged 31.1 yards on kick returns. The line features Todd Meiklejohn, Grady Crosby, and Calvin Thamas.

Still, defense remains near and dear to coach Willie Jeffries's heart. Thus, he moved

all-conference offensive lineman Eric Moore to defense in the spring to plug one of two starting vacancies. The linebacking corps excels with senior Marvin Jackson, the team's leading tackler for three years, heading the group that includes Marty Graves and Sheldon Hamilton. All-NEAC nose guard William Dores shifts to tackle. Thomas Jones and Walter Gaskin top the secondary.

The combination will be tough to whip.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

The Aggies won the school's first outright MEAC title in 16 years in 1986 and normally would be favored to successfully defend their crown. But potential problems in the defensive line leave A&T in the challenger's role.

The Aggies shouldn't have to worry about points. With Alan Hooker, the MEAC's offensive player of the year, at the controls the offense is excellent. Hooker completed 164 of 276 passes for 1,907 yards and 17 TDs, suf-



fering only nine interceptions. He also rushed for 418 yards and seven TDs. Anthony Best, who caught 36 passes, will be a key. He has the job of replacing dynamic wide receiver Herbert Harbison. Stoney Polite (840 yards, 13 TDs rushing, 27 receptions, five TDs passing) heads the running backs.

The absence of all-league linemen Ernest Riddick and Frank Newman creates defensive problems for coach Mo Forte. But he is comforted by a secondary that returns virtually intact and a linebacking crew headed by sophomore Demetrius Harrison.

Even with the question marks in the defensive line, the Aggies will be tough. The explosive offense can cover a lot of miscues.

DELAWARE STATE

The Hornets won seven of their first eight before crashing. Erasing the memories of a three-game losing streak is foremost in coach Bill Collick's mind for now. He prefers to stress that Delaware State's 31-11-1 record over the past four seasons ranks among the best in Division I-AA.

Adding to that impressive mark should be no problem this fall, for 15 starters return from a 7-4 squad that ranked high in the national poll before the late-season swoon.

Terrance Hoover (1,086 yards) and Reggie Barnes (734 yards, 10 TDs) provide the nucleus for a sound running game. Mike Walker and John Lane battle for the quarterbacking job, and the line includes Tony Danzey, Neal Judkins, and Charles Primas.

Four starters on gone from the defense, but

replacing tackle Dan Candeloro and back Joe Burton will be difficult. Leading the unit will be ends Robert Presbury and Lybrant Robinson, who ranked one-two on the squad in both tackles and sacks. Tackle Charles Loney, linebacker Derek Andrews, and backs Willie Sheppard, Kevin Bryant, and Marvin Bright return to starting jobs.

It's a solid combination, one that could produce a championship if the favorites slip.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

The Bulldogs once ruled the MEAC. First under Willie Jeffries and then under Bill Davis, they left the other teams playing for second place. But the program slipped and the Bulldogs are trying to climb back to the top under second-year coach Dennis Thomas, who stresses defense. It's that unit which must carry the load early. State will be inexperienced at quarterback and in the offensive line.

Dwayne Harper, starting in the backfield for the fourth season, and nose guard David Ammons headline the defense that returns eight starters. Back Charles Barksdale and linebacker Herbert Schofield are solid.

The corps of running backs is a stout one with Mike Summers (522 yards), William Dubose (372), and James Miller (286). But all-state guard Roy Ferguson is the lone returnee in the interior line. Tight end Robert Tyler and wide receiver Eric Smith are inviting passing targets. Who will do the throwing remains a question. Ivan Mason, Tyrone Gilmore, and Willie Kennedy are possibilities.

The questions on offense assure this will not be the year the Bulldogs add to their collection of championship trophies.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

The Wildcats fell on hard times (3-8) without record-breaking quarterback Bernard Hawk in 1986, but coach Larry Little predicts better days this fall.

If he's right, one reason will be the improvement by quarterback Greg Ross. He impressed the coaching staff in spring drills. "The ability is there; it's a matter of confidence," Little said. Center Wallace Aristide will anchor the offensive line and Kevin Finnie (804 yards, seven TDs) heads an experienced cast of runners. If wide receiver Greg Taylor can avoid the injury bug, the passing game will get a boost.

Although only three starters return on defense, Little believes the unit will be significantly improved. Two reasons are safeties Avery McCree (114 tackles) and Chris Stewart (five interceptions). Middle guard Tommy King is the only other returning starter. Newcomer Joe Jones should provide immediate help on the inexperienced line.

MORGAN STATE

The Bears won only once in 1986, but that triumph, 21-16 over the University of District of Columbia, represents a step in the right direction. The victory ended Morgan's three-year losing streak. This season will be the fourth since Morgan began to re-emphasize football, and the senior class will be the first for the "new" Bears. Coach Jesse Thomas's squad should at least reap the benefits of more experienced personnel.

Marco Kornegay (326 yards rushing) returns to lead the ground game, and he hopes to be working behind a much improved line. The Bears scored only 10 offensive touchdowns last season. Kornegay provides an ex-

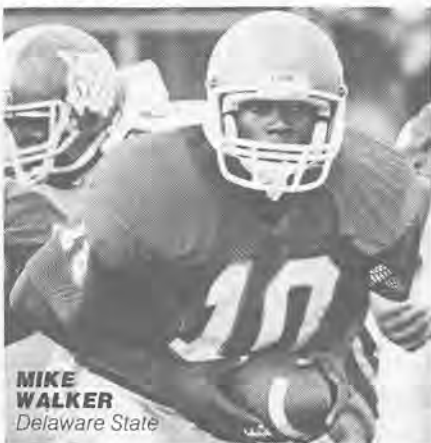
tra dimension with his kickoff-return abilities. He returned two for scores, including one for 100 yards.

Alton Gowdy, who participated on 132 tackles, heads the defensive veterans. He'll receive assistance from Veron Beard (71 tackles, six interceptions) and William Foye.

FLORIDA A&M

The Rattlers improved a bit to 5-6 in their first season under coach Ken Riley and they're looking to climb even higher this year. But the lack of experience in the offensive line is cause for concern.

Oscar Williams started six games at quarterback and Andre Williams the other five. Riley hopes experience and maturity will make a difference this fall. Fullback Reggie Jones (395 yards, nine TDs rushing) and tailback Bryan Moore (406 yards) are solid, but they'll be operating behind a line with at least four new starters.



The defensive picture is brighter with seven regulars on hand. Junior linebacker Ed Metcalf, free safety Matthew Fair, and sophomore Brian Brewer, a high school quarterback who found a home at defensive end (nine sacks, 43 tackles), head the unit. Soph cornerbacks William Evers (five interceptions) and Lowell Crawford should improve with experience. Herb Moore (6-3, 265) and Terrance Lundy (6-3, 260) add size to a line lacking in beef.

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CARSON-NEWMAN

The Eagles brought home their third NAIA crown in four seasons a year ago. The numbers say they're a solid favorite to continue their dominant ways. Coach Ken Sparks stresses his team must find that "perfect chemistry" once again to succeed. Rivals sneer. Carson-Newman's record under Sparks (59-22-1 in seven seasons, 47-13-1 over the past five years) presents overwhelming evidence the Eagles almost always find that "perfect chemistry." Experience abounds. Nine starters return on offense and key personnel is back on defense. The prime area of concern is defensive tackle, where both regulars, including All-America David Roberts, are missing.

The veer offense revolves around quarterback Edwin Lowery, the league's top freshman a year ago, and running back Kenneth Tyson, sidelined much of 1986 with an injury. They will operate behind a line anchored by

All-America Jay Floyd (6-5, 280), Jeff Sims, and Greg Greer. Wide receiver/kick returner Pat Johnson is a game-breaker.

Free safety Mike Schlechter, who returned three of his six interceptions for touchdowns, is the ringleader of perhaps the school's best secondary ever. It returns intact. All-conference middle guard Fred Wagner will lead the defensive front and Fred Adams tops the line-backing corps.

The Eagles started slowly a year ago with a last-gasp win and a loss after three games. Then they won their last 10. Don't be surprised to see the streak continue.

ELON

A pair of late-season losses, by a total of eight points, separated Elon from the SAC-8 title and the national playoffs in 1986. Alon for those near-misses is the goal this fall.

Nine starters return on offense and seven on defense to the team that handed national champion Carson-Newman its only setback. Foremost is All-America running back Dwayne Clark, the NAIA's best rusher with 1,473 yards and 19 touchdowns. Fullback Mike Ollari (490 yards rushing) and quarterback Craig Taylor (1,124 yards, 11 TDs passing) complete an imposing backfield. All-America Ricky Sigmon and all-league Al Morrison are missing from the line that paved the way for per-game averages of 385 yards total offense, 263 yards rushing, and 30.5 points. Fear not, Elon fans. Tight end Chuck Ward and tackle Tony DiPietro guarantee holes to run through and time to throw.

The defensive line is solid with tackles John Bradsher and Craig Caster the main men. Jeff Slade heads a young but experienced secondary that returns intact. The linebackers could be a cause for concern; the talent is there, but the experience is not.

The Fighting Christians are 22-8 in three seasons under coach Macky Carden. Don't expect that record to suffer this year.

GARDNER-WEBB

The Bulldogs fashioned a strong finishing kick in a record-breaking 1986 season, and 17 starters among 70 lettermen hope to give Gardner-Webb its first SAC-8 championship.

Jesse James, a quarterback with a wonderful name and a dead-eye passing arm, directs the offense that lost only one regular. James passed for 1,262 yards and nine touchdowns and found time to rush for 262. He entrusted most of the running to Chris Poston (805 yards, 6.5 average) and Jimbo Early (633 yards, 11 TDs). Guard Thurman Leach and tackle Jim Chapel head the line. Wide receiver Kelvin Richardson (30 catches, 503 yards, 16.8 average) is another weapon. Kicker Jeff Parker is a nice bonus.

The defense is not quite so generously endowed. "Only" seven regulars are back and the lack of experience on the line bothers coach Woody Fish. But linebackers Kevan Sawyer and Terry Lewis and deep backs Eric Brewton, Robert Hill, and Barry McCabe should ease his concerns.

The Bulldogs, who sent Elon tumbling from among the nation's elite with a 33-31 conquest, should put up a lot of points again. If the defense stiffens just a bit, they'll be challenging for the top.

PRESBYTERIAN

The Blue Hose started the '86 season like gangbusters. But they limped to the finish line

with a 5-6 record, victimized by a wicked schedule that included five straight games against nationally ranked teams—all losses. Bouncing back is the name of the game for coach Elliott Poss this fall, and he has some talented players. But, oh, that schedule. The Blue Hose open with three straight NCAA I-AA foes and then they've got to deal with the thorny SAC-8 opposition.

The backfield is well-stocked with quarterback Scotty Mazingo (261 yards and five TDs rushing, 1,181 yards and eight TDs passing), tailback Stevie Riggins (706 yards in splitting the duties), and fullback Evander Gerald (438 yards). Tackles Mike Bolchoz and Doug Hinson pace the line.

Nose guard Brad Moser and tackles Andy Smyth and Wade Cooke put the defensive front in good hands. Sam Pinckney, Bobby Jones, and John Terrapin lead a solid corps of linebackers. The secondary includes three veteran starters.

This is a team with possibilities. But the schedule could be too much to overcome.

CATAWBA

After only five wins over three seasons, the Indians have put together back-to-back 5-6 records. Climbing over the .500 mark is the first order of business. Bill Mauldin, an assistant for two years, replaces Pete Stout as head coach, and he welcomes 15 starters. Unfortunately, both lines lack experience.

The option-I offense has been installed with the idea of getting the ball to sophomore Todd Scott more often. He celebrated his freshman season by rushing for eight TDs and 443 yards. Soph Netto Purnsley (797 yards, 5.8 average) guides the attack. Wide receiver Pat Carfora (28 catches, 445 yards) should be more of a factor in the new formation.

Junior free safety Keith Henry (seven interceptions) and linebackers Sherman Springs and Rodney Goodine anchor the defense.

The Indians are not ready to challenge for the championship, but the immediate goal, a winning record, is attainable if inexperience in the line is not crippling.

MARS HILL

The Lions followed Joe Pizzo out of the SAC-8 wilderness. Now they'll attempt to maintain respectability without the talented quarterback. The task is not impossible. Pizzo, the league's offensive player of the year in leading Mars Hill to the 1985 championship, missed four games last season with injuries. The good news for coach Steve Patton is that his team did not collapse. Instead, Wayne Scott steered the Lions to three wins.

Mars Hill, 7-3-1 last season, will probably concentrate on the running game a bit more without Pizzo around. That's O.K., the line is fine with all-league center Terry Casey and tackle Joe Zichichi. With leading rusher Pete Calhoun gone, Mike Sims will be expected to head the ground game. Either Scott or transfer Gary Lackey will be the quarterback.

Linebacker Lee Marchman, the league's defensive player of the year, made 144 tackles in '86 and spearheads the defense. He's joined by Rodney Borders.

The Lions will not be tame.

NEWBERRY

The Indians face the challenge of rebounding from a disappointing 4-7 season and they'll rely on defense, experience, and speed to get the job done. Linebackers John Newkirk and Reggie Deas and tackle Chris Chrisley head a unit that coach Clayton Johnson expects to be

drastically improved. Drew Watson and Chris Latherow return to the secondary.

The offense must replace two of the Indians' all-time performers: wide receiver Darryl Owings and running back Pete Bember. Split end Joey Spigner (28 catches, 516 yards) becomes the primary passing target and Mitchell Shuler (402 yards, 6.3 average on the ground) will assume the rushing load. Senior Patrick Bellamy, who started seven games before missing the final four with injuries, and Jerold Bell will divide the quarterback duties. The line includes three veteran starters: guards Chris Galloway and Woo Wagner and tackle Vell Phelps.

Newberry played at a win-one, lose-one pace until dropping its final four games. The Indians figure to be improved, but they're not ready to challenge for the title.

LENOIR-RHYNE

The Bears have shown slow but sure progress—from one win to three to four—in three seasons under coach John Perry, and, naturally, they would like to see the trend continue. To achieve that goal, an untested secondary and a young offensive line must deliver. Lenoir-Rhyne is blessed with a talented quarterback in Brian Bryson, a proven runner in James Crawford, and a pair of splendid linebackers in Smith Sharpe and Wayne Motley.

Bryson, already the school's career passing leader, threw for 1,730 yards. Unfortunately, three-time All-America wide receiver Terence Steward is gone. Tight end Jeff Kiziah is a solid blocker who could become the top target. James Crawford (811 yards) will handle the running. But only guard Eric Brandon and Kiziah are proven in the line.

Sharpe made 163 tackles and Motley 162. But both first-string tackles are gone, leaving middle guard Darryl Miller the lone veteran starter in the line. Strong Safety Brian Foster is likewise surrounded by new faces.

The Bears went 4-7 a year ago. To improve will be challenging.

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NORTHERN DIVISION

VIRGINIA UNION

Fifteen starters are back from the CIAA championship squad that led the league in rushing, scoring, and total offense and the nation in rushing, passing, scoring, and total defense.

The offensive line—center Rod Greene, guards Kenneth Perry (all-conference) and Tony Dunn, and tackles Derrick Wansley and Kevin Brown—is a solid one. Kenny Jones is considered the school's finest quarterback ever. David Moore and Michael Todd head the running game and Donald Saunders returns at split end.

CIAA defensive player of the year Mendall Wilkerson and three others must be replaced, but the Panthers will again be stingy with points. All-America Michael Brim, who returned three of his eight interceptions for touchdowns, leads the school's all-time best secondary. Leroy Gause leads the linebackers and all-conference end Ken McGregor is the most dependable performer on the line.

The Panthers outscored foes 344-139 in marching to an 11-1 record. More of the same is expected this fall.

VIRGINIA STATE

The Trojans welcome 19 starters from a 6-4 club, and coach George Moody doesn't hide his optimism. "We have pretty high expecta-

tions," he said. "We're expecting to be better, a championship contender." Moody and the Trojans stayed in the race all the way a year ago, bowing to Virginia Union, 34-30, late in the season. Virginia State gets the opportunity to make amends October 31.

Tackle Darryl Brown (6-5, 290) and center Deandra Neal (6-3, 298) anchor the offensive front. Rudy Elliott returns at quarterback and Danny Boynton heads the running backs. Michael Davis is the top pass receiver.

Kevin Hall, sidelined a year ago, Bobby Shepherd, and Anthony Parham lead what Moody considers one of the best secondaries around. Nose guard McKenzie Harris and linebacker Ken Brant could be all-stars.

HAMPTON

Picked to successfully defend their league crown a year ago, the Pirates struggled instead. An ineligible player forced a forfeit and top running back Carl Painter went out for the season with a broken collarbone in the second game. Thus, dreams of triumph turned into a forgettable 3-6-1 campaign.

Coach Fred Freeman believes his club will rebound this fall. One reason is experience—nine offensive starters and seven regulars on defense will be back. The most welcome veteran will be Painter, who averaged 106 yards per game rushing in the '85 title march. Dedrick Hattchet and Lei Kendale again will share the quarterback duties. The return of tight end Bill Denby and wide receiver Herbert Skinner, a world-class sprinter, helps the passing game.

The Pirates suffered through their worst defensive season under Freeman, but don't look for the unit to resemble a sieve again. Transfer Linwood Lumpkin will aid in the secondary, and Terrell Brit, a freshman starter, is an excellent linebacker.

ELIZABETH CITY STATE

The Vikings could be the surprise team in the CIAA. They are armed with 56 lettermen, including 10 offensive starters and eight on defense, from a 4-5-1 team.

Be assured the Vikings will feature a high-powered passing game. Bill Wilde is back at the controls. His primary targets will be record-breaking Robert Tiller (70 catches) and 1985 all-CIAA Anthony Robinson. Experienced runners are plentiful and the offensive line, led by All-America guard Beau Moore (6-1, 285), returns intact.

Coach Thurlis Little's defense must replace two linebackers, but experience abounds elsewhere. Tackle Scotty Arnold (6-2, 275) heads the line and cornerback Dexter Moore is the leader in the secondary.

NORFOLK STATE

Rating the Spartans this low could be a mistake. Although Norfolk State labels this a rebuilding season, coach Willard Bailey's record (126-44-4) should be a warning never to underestimate his team. Twelve starters, evenly divided between the units, are back from a 4-6 squad that started fast and finished with five straight setbacks. The skid tied the school record for consecutive losses.

Bailey looks to tight end Clarence Brock and running backs Tony Graves (454 yards, seven TDs) and Ken Dickens to power the offense. The 6-1, 210-pound Dickens suffered a broken leg in the third game. Linebacker Ben Johnson and end Ted Bates will pace the defense that seeks to rebound from a subpar 1986. The Spartans surrendered 219 points, 138 in the final four games.

ST. PAUL'S

Armed with 45 lettermen and 17 returning starters for the 1986 season, coach Larry Blackstone figured his first year at St. Paul's would be an enjoyable one. But after coming up short against CIAA heavyweights week after week, he threw in the towel and resigned. The reason for the Tigers' problems is easily discovered: they ranked last in the league in scoring defense (29.4 points per game) and next-to-last in scoring offense (10.2). St. Paul's went 1-8-1 overall and 0-7 in the conference. Ironically, the Tigers gave champion Virginia Union one of its toughest games, losing 14-6.

Improvement is obviously needed on both sides of the ball, and a better defense is almost a certainty. Linebacker Hugh Drew and defensive end Chris Stephenson will be counted on to lead the way. Still, the Tigers play in the Northern Division, and they face a rugged challenge to escape the cellar.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

WINSTON-SALEM STATE

Maybe they aren't a "sure thing" in the CIAA's Southern Division, but the Rams are the next best thing. Coach Bill Hayes, usually conservative in evaluating his teams, foresees some excellent possibilities. And no wonder. Experience from a 7-4 club is everywhere.

All-star performers Jerry Maynard at tackle, Barry Turner at center, and Vernard Dillard at guard head a huge and mobile offensive line. Lonnie Pulley and Calvin Handsome are solid at the halfbacks and Charles Belcher emerged at fullback during the spring. Bobby Junior returns at quarterback but could lose his job to Kenny Jones. "We've got to get the quarterback play to a higher level," Hayes said. "It's a matter of motivation."

Hayes wouldn't trade his secondary of cornerbacks Anthony Blalock and Raymond Puryear and safeties Steve Lee and Donald Frank for anybody's unit. Mark Wallace will start for the fourth season at linebacker and ends Willie Jones and Charles Watson are proven. The line, however, has some question marks.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

The Eagles will not concede the title. With good reason. Ten starters on defense and eight on offense return to the team that went 6-4 a year ago and lost by one point to Winston-Salem State.

The main man is quarterback Earl Harvey, already the CIAA's leading career passer (5,897 yards) headed into his junior season. He completed 176 of 361 for 2,707 yards and 24 TDs a year ago. A problem: he threw 24 interceptions, too. Another possible problem: his favorite receivers have graduated. Tight end Terrence McNeill (38 catches, 528 yards) will likely become the primary target. The probable new wideouts combined for only 16 receptions in '86. David Burt (484 yards, five TDs) will handle the running chores.

Cornerbacks Robert Massey and Gerald Mack join safety Tony Lindsay in forming a stout secondary. Kenneth Guidry (6-1, 260) at tackle and Melvin Gaddy (6-2, 240) at end anchor the line.

JOHNSON C. SMITH

The Golden Bulls climbed from one victory in 1985 to a 5-5 record last season. Coach Horace Small would like to see at least similar progress this fall, but he's realistic. "We hope to get better again," he said, "but the league will be much tougher."

Small will depend on his offense to carry the

load early in the season. "They're ahead of the defense going into fall practice," he said. Fullback Raymond Joiner will be counted on to lead the running game and guard Daron Gray and center Bill Wyatt head the line. Linebacker Ronald Capers and nose guard Steve Tinn will pace the defense.

FAYETTEVILLE STATE

The Broncos paid the price for inexperience last season, struggling to a 2-7-1 record. Coach Robert Pulliam hopes the lessons learned pay dividends this fall. "We were hoping for the best, but we knew youth could be a problem," he said. "The experience should help us now."

Defense should be Fayetteville State's strength with tackle Andre Bowden and middle guard Anthony Jenkins, linebackers Phillip Julius and Darrell Hill, and back Randy Ladson, a four-year starter, heading the cast.

Young players dominate the offense. Either Clint Caldwell or Paul Stephens will open at quarterback, and receivers Chris Armstrong and Billy Campbell provide proven targets. James Roberts returns at center and Danny Kelly switches from defense to start at guard.

"The problem with this league is that there is never an easy game," Pulliam said. "It's a dad-gum good conference."

BOWIE STATE

The Bulldogs didn't win at all again last season and saw their losing streak stretch to 30 games. But that's about to change. Coach David Dolch pointed to progress in several areas after his first season at the helm and now he's focusing on some victories. He is especially pleased with his first full recruiting year, in which he dipped into the junior-college ranks for immediate help.

"We've got some players who will have an immediate impact," he said. "We're young overall, but the junior-college players will add maturity and experience. We're certainly closer to being competitive."

He expects Clarence Boykins to step in at quarterback and Mo Banks at wide receiver. Linebacker Jim Werking and free safety Rodney Belfield arrived in January and won praise for their spring work. More help will come from defensive back Rufus Satchell, defensive end Chaun Gunter, fullback Tony Atwater, and running back Andre Cook.

"Now," Dolch says, "we've got to get about the business of winning some games."

LIVINGSTONE

William Spencer takes command of the Bears' program, having inherited 32 lettermen from a 3-5-2 squad. "I think we'll have a decent nucleus," he said. "I'm expecting, or at least hoping, to be competitive."

If his hopes materialize and the Bears are competitive, that will represent a giant step forward. Livingstone could battle only weaker opposition on even terms last fall. The Bears ranked 11th in the league in total offense, mustering only 191.5 yards per game, and averaged only 12.8 points per outing. The offense obviously needs to increase its production. Defensively, the Bears ranked in the middle of the league in yardage yielded, but they finished near the bottom in points allowed. (27.0 per game).

"We've got an enthusiastic group, and I don't plan any drastic changes," said Spencer, who has observed the Livingstone program the past seven years as an assistant at Elizabeth City State. "I think we have some possibilities, but this conference is so tough."

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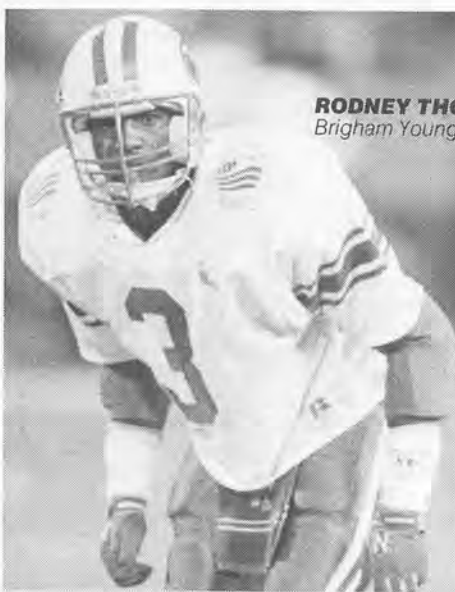
● The fish is big enough now that he's worth a one-that-got-away story.

It's the early 1980s, and the president of the Selma, California, chapter of Future Quarterbacks of America is checking Sunday's paper for the college football scores. First he looks for UCLA's, because he's always been a Bruin fan, but then he checks for the box on Brigham Young. He does it partly out of faith (he's a member of the LDS church) and partly out of inspiration. He's been checking the boxes for a couple of years, maybe picked up a couple of games on radio or TV, and he just can't believe how much these guys throw the football—40-50 times a game! And the scores—65-8, 63-14, 56-28. They air it out and run it up. Marc Wilson and Jim McMahon and Steve Young and, who knows, maybe one day Todd Santos.

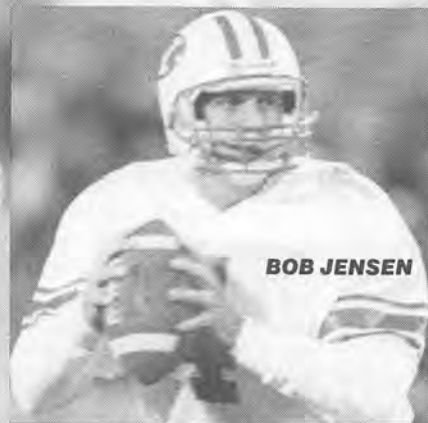
With the peculiar exception of McMahon, BYU built its fancy passing reputation on young dreamers with deep beliefs and deep drops. Todd Santos would have been a perfect extension of tradition, except...

"Except they didn't offer me a scholarship," Santos remembered. "It's really not that big of a deal because it's worked out for me. I'm here in San Diego, you know, and it's about 85 degrees and there's not a cloud in the sky and it's like that in January and February, too."

Santos was in love with a system, not a place. The system he could get in San Diego, and stay a heck of a lot warmer than he could in Provo, Utah. All that was missing were those wins. Until last year. The scores weren't like he



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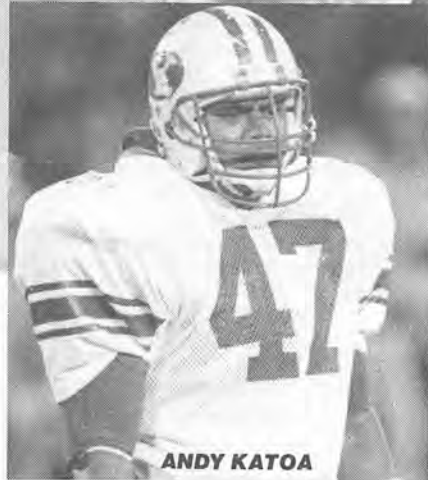
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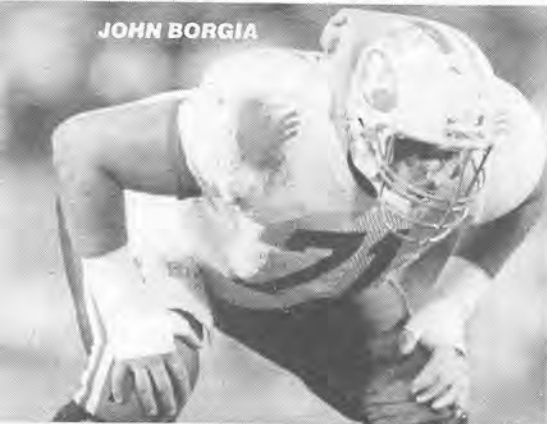
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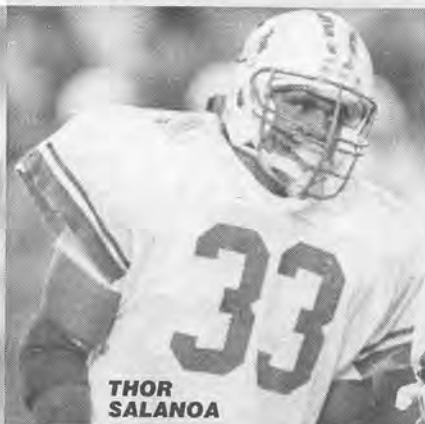
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THOR SALANOA

remembered. There were a lot of two-point takedowns and three-point escapes, but they were wins, and finally Todd Santos wasn't the only thing that had gotten away from BYU.

In 1987, for the first time in a decade, the Cougars weren't champions of the Western Athletic Conference. On one of those balmy days that pass for winter in North Tijuana, San Diego State made BYU settle for second place. Santos didn't enjoy it as much as he might have because he spent a lot of the day underneath BYU tackles Jason Buck and Shawn Knight, and the score was only 10-3, but it was the psychology of the thing.

"That's so much of it," he insisted. "A team that wins as much as BYU has, you just get psyched out going up to Provo, especially when they have 64,000 fans screaming in that

stadium. You tend to think you just can't do it."

But the Aztecs had some psychology working for them that day. They'd proven they could win the close ones—six of their seven victories to that point had come by a touchdown or less. And for a change, the Cougars didn't have the best quarterback in the WAC, because SDSU did. Maybe the best in college football. If Santos can average 261 yards a game passing through the Aztecs' 12-game 1987 regular-season schedule, or six more yards than a year ago, he'll pass Kevin Sweeney as the NCAA's all-time yardage leader. There's some irony there, in that Santos grew up just 20 miles south of Sweeney's Fresno home and the two worked out together prior to last season.

Whether he gets Sweeney's mark, Santos

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would seem to be a lock, barring injury, to shatter McMahon's WAC record of 9,536 career yards. With a 60.9 completion percentage and 44 career TDs to his credit, he trails McMahon by just 2,043 yards—a total he's exceeded in all three of his collegiate seasons. There's irony there, too, seeing as the Cougars could use a quarterback right now, if only they'd kept the faith. Of course, people forget that they were throwing the football at San Diego State long before the Cougars ever got the hang of it. Brian Sipe, Don Horn, Jesse Freitas, Dennis Shaw. Todd Santos fits into that heritage, too. Or any quarterback heritage. He started one at Selma High School that his brothers Rob and Ron followed. Before he earned his chance at SDSU, he had to beat out one of California's most heralded high school passers, a local boy named Jim Plum, who never could move Santos out of the lineup permanently.

"It's funny," he says, "but when I got here, I felt there were a lot of people looking at me and wondering, 'What's he doing here?' Boy, did I feel like an underdog. Doug Scovil was the coach at the time and I wasn't going to get a scholarship until the spring, so I sat out fall semester and just worked back home. Jim was already here and I felt kind of left out. And he was from San Diego, so it was like I wasn't getting any respect—until I performed."

Which he did right away. A terrific spring in 1984 earned Santos the start in his first college game. Three interceptions later, Santos wasn't sure what he'd got himself into. The interceptions still come too often for his taste, but the hot streaks come more often, too—like the 20-for-26 finish in the Holiday Bowl, where the Aztecs dropped a last-second, 39-38, decision to Iowa and Santos was the offensive Most Valuable Player.

"That seemed like the only close game we lost," Santos said. "It was funny because we'd never played like that before, but if it was a close game and we had the ball last, we felt we had a great shot at winning—that we could move the ball and score on anyone. In this league you never know—I mean, we could have been 0-7 in those close ones we won just as easily. I'm sure it's going to be just as tough a battle as this next year, with just as many close ones that we just can't let get away."

There's the possibility, too, that BYU might view 1987 as the perfect year to start another decade of dominance.

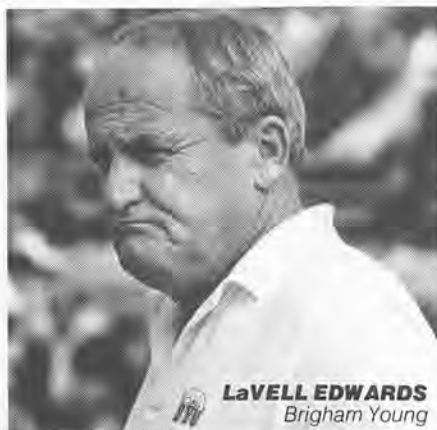
In the Big Sky, Nevada-Reno may have started its year earlier. The Wolf Pack will have another challenger now that Eastern Washington has been admitted to the league, but Chris Ault seems to be better at filling in the blanks than anyone else in the Sky.

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BRIGHAM YOUNG

If there was ever a year to pick against the Cougars, this might be it. The mystique is gone—someone else won the WAC for a change. The Cougars again don't have an established quarterback. And a prescription drug scandal that saw two starters expelled from school has cast something of a pall over coach LaVell Edwards's program.

Still, this is the school that won 10 straight WAC titles and a national championship in 1984. The Cougars may not be as dominant as they were through the early part of this



LaVELL EDWARDS
Brigham Young

decade, but any conversation about championships starts with them. And conversations at BYU start with the quarterback. The NFL production line came to a halt last season, when senior Steve Lindsley floundered through a 7-4 start before Bob Jensen took over. He was impressive in the regular-season finale against Air Force, but the Cougars lost to UCLA, 31-10, in the Freedom Bowl—the fourth time they'd been held to a touchdown or less last season. What's more, the aerial revolution caught up with the Cougs: they ranked just 20th nationally in passing offense.

If Jensen isn't the answer at quarterback, senior Mike Young or sophomore Sean Covey might be. But there are other questions. Graduation took BYU's three top rushers, leaving a bunch of sophomores (Roger Price, Eric Snyder, and Stacey Corley among them) and injury redshirts Alema Harrington and Tom Tuipulotu, a projected starter last year until blowing out a knee in the spring. Replacements must be found, too, to replace graduated wideout Mark Bellini and expelled tight end Trevor Molini. David Miles and Rich Zayas are the veteran holdovers at wide receiver (with just 14 catches between them last year), while Darren Handley and JC transfer Travis McBeth will fight it out at tight end. Whoever plays must hang onto the football; the Cougars were minus 17 in turnovers in '86.

Many of BYU's offensive problems a year ago could be traced to the line, but that area seems to be a cornerstone now. Guard John Borgia (280) and center Brian Rodoni (6-5, 270), who missed much of the season with a brain cyst, are among the WAC's best. Brian White (6-4, 260) and John Hunter (6-7, 280) were both part-time starters, while the world's biggest baseball player, 6-5, 282-pound Warren Wheat, is the leading contender for the open job at tackle. Two JC All-Americans, Greg Hunter (6-5, 265) and Phil Nauchi (6-5, 260), may also contribute.

It's not so rosy on the defensive side. Jason Buck won an Outland Trophy at tackle, and linemate Shawn Knight actually went higher in the NFL draft, leaving underrated nose guard David Futrell (265) as the only returnee up front. In 245-pounders Steve Kaufusi and Jay Huckaby, BYU has gone economy-size at the tackle spot. Though Steve Sanders, who was expelled, and second-team all-WAC performer J.C. Von Colln were caught up in the prescription drug mess, linebacking still appears to be a bright spot. Richard Hobbs and Thor Salanoa return as starters on the outside, and Regan Hanson and Andy Katoa are experienced on the inside. All-WAC cornerback

Rodney Thomas is the only regular back in the secondary, but the Cougs should be O.K. Junior safeties Scott Peterson and Troy Long are two-year lettermen, and JC All-America Kirk Davis will help at the other corner.

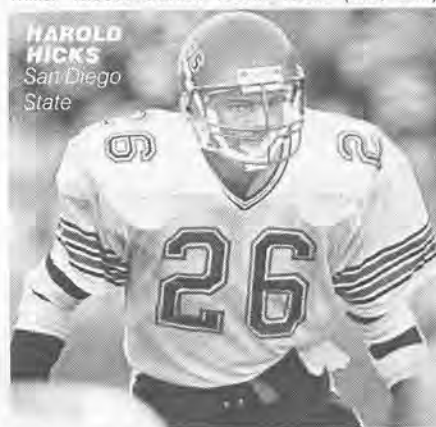
For kickers, BYU has two of the WAC's best. Leonard Chitty was 16-21 on field goals, including 7-7 from the 40-49-yard range. Punter Pat Thompson carried a 41.5 average.

SAN DIEGO STATE

Denny Stolz is a master rebuild, but never has he turned things around so quickly as he did with the Aztecs: to 8-4, a WAC title, and a near-miss in the Holiday Bowl against Iowa in just his first year. The only thing standing in the way of a repeat performance would seem to be a schedule which sends the Aztecs to BYU, Air Force, Wyoming, and Hawaii—in other words, the bulk of 1986's WAC upper division—and sets them up against three Pacific-10 teams during the nonconference season. What's more, Stolz's rebuilding isn't finished.

Certainly, the Aztecs have what BYU doesn't: a marquee quarterback. But Todd Santos (62.3 percent completions, 2,553 yards, 14 TDs) is about the only returning weapon on offense. All of SDSU's rushing offense is gone, along with the top six receivers. The only notable holdover is split end Alfred Jackson (18 catches, 256 yards), but Monty Gilbreath caught five balls in the Holiday Bowl and DeAngelo Mitchell was a JC All-America at nearby Mesa College. Kerry Reed-Martin and twins Mitch and Brad Burton will squabble over tight end, and JC imports Danny Holmes and Lamont Parks will push Ron Slack and Troy Reed for time in the backfield.

The best news for Santos is a line that should give him plenty of time to find his unfamiliar faces. Center Kevin Wells (6-5, 260)



HAROLD HICKS
San Diego State

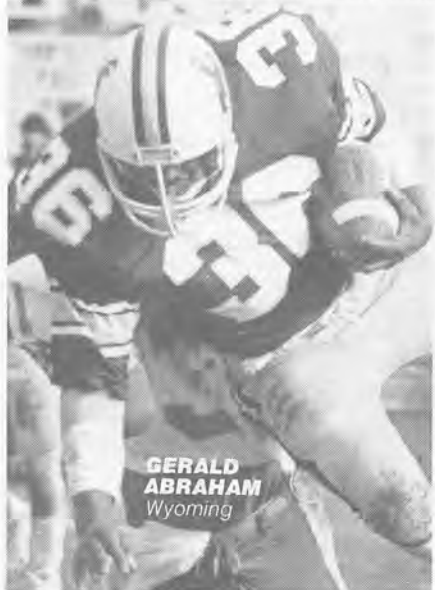


MIKE HOOPER

handled every snap a year ago, and Dave DesRochers (6-7, 285), Mike Knutson (6-5, 255), and Reggie Blaylock (250) were late-season starters in the Aztecs' title drive. JC transfers Todd Vradenberg (6-4, 270) and Samida Tuiaana (6-5, 280) and a good sophomore class should fill in nicely.

The Aztecs didn't lead the WAC in offense (they were eighth) or defense (third), but they were tops in turnover margin—big-play magic that accounted for seven victories by a touchdown or less. Stolz will have to patch up his linebacker corps and the middle of his line, but he has some building blocks.

Three are in a secondary that could rank among the nation's best. Latecomer Harold Hicks is an All-America candidate at free safety after returning his first major-college interception 100 yards for a touchdown. Corners Mario Mitchell and Clarence Nunn are solid cover men and three-year starters. Lyndon Earley was the Aztecs' nickel back last year. Only Chuck Nixon returns off SDSU's two-deep at linebacker, so Stolz went heavily to the JC market for six new players, including Derek Santifer, Milton Maples, and Kirkland Charles (6-5, 205). Cal transfer Kenny Bernard appears to have one spot locked up. Up front, the foundation begins with starting ends



GERALD ABRAHAM
Wyoming

Brett Faryniarz and Mike Hooper (6-3, 265), who'll get a look at tackle. Sophomores Demetrius Bell (270), Milt Wilson, and Wade Thoemmes saw a lot of time a year ago.

Three-year punter Wayne Ross (40.3) is one of the WAC's most dependable and place-kicker Kevin Rahill, a late recruit from the soccer team, was a Stolz success, though JC import Tyler Anderson will get a try, too.

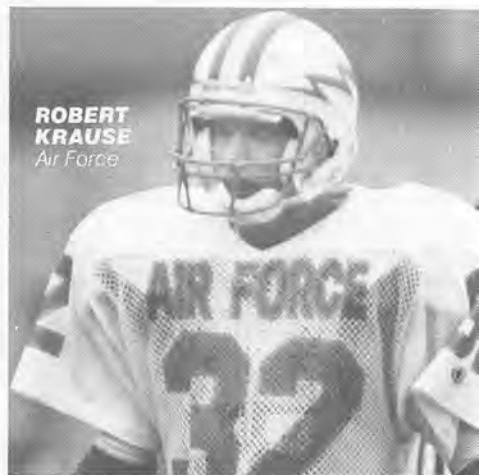
WYOMING

It happened again. The Cowboys unearthed a jewel of a coach, showed it off for a year, and ultimately found it riding on someone else's finger. Dennis Erickson did what Pat Dye and Fred Akers had done before and jumped to a job he couldn't refuse after just a year in Laramie. Now it's up to Paul Roach to keep what Erickson accomplished in just a year from coming undone. The UW athletic director, a Cowboy aide during Lloyd Eaton's heyday, took on double duty and will keep Wyoming football up in the air. That's where Erickson took it last year—the Cowboys were the nation's No. 2 passing team—after UW was married to the wishbone for all of the 1980s.

The good news for Roach is that 14 starters return, not counting the three quarterbacks who each threw for 300 yards in separate games last fall. Craig Burnett (60 percent completions, 1,242 yards) is a narrow leader over Scott Runyan (50.9, 1,651) for the starting job, with Randy Welniak in reserve. And the targets will be familiar, as the top receivers from last year return, led by James Loving (54-673), tight end Bill Hoffman (51-469), and the talented Anthony Sargent (47-655, 8 TDs), the WAC's newcomer of the year.

Spring injuries hampered the development of the running backs, which hurt doubly since Eric Coleman (276 yards, 30 receptions) was moved to cornerback. Gerald Abraham is the big back who'll run behind a still unsettled line. Only center Grant Salisbury (245) and guard Shawn Wehrer (6-4, 257) are guaranteed jobs. Walk-on Tony Kapushion (278) had a good spring.

The Cowboys figure to be better on defense and dramatic improvement in the secondary is the biggest reason, what with Coleman's shift, the return of Steve McMillon after a year's absence, and another season's experience for regulars Steve Clayton, Mike Hill, Darryl Harris, and Reggie Berry. The lineback-



ROBERT KRAUSE
Air Force

ing, too, is strong, thanks to middle man Garland Thaxton, an all-WAC pick, Mike Schenbeck, and Scott Hanser (226). There are veterans, too, up front in Jeff Knapton, Keith Jackson, Craig Schlichting, and Pat Rabold, though the Cowboys are somewhat undersized (only Rabold tops 250 pounds).

Tom Kilpatrick (40.8) is a solid punter, but better long-distance consistency is needed from place-kicker Greg Worker.

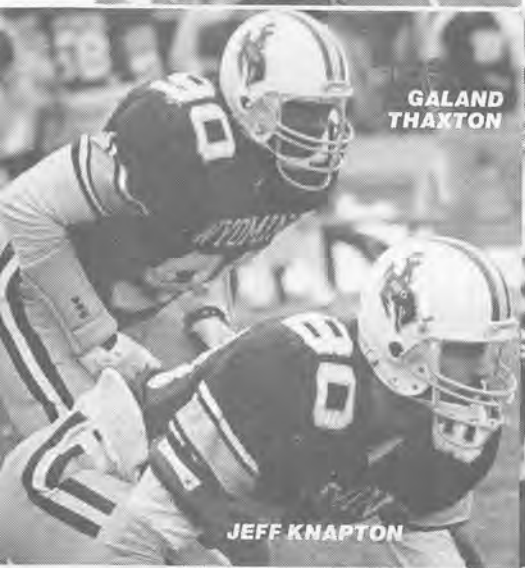
AIR FORCE

For the first time since 1981, the Falcons didn't make it to a bowl game last season and it's not likely they'll start another streak this year. Possibly living off the momentum of a grand 1985 campaign, Fisher DeBerry's Junior Birdmen bolted to a 5-1 start before crashing to 6-5. Only a half-dozen legitimate starters return. Indeed, it seems the space age has bypassed Air Force. With every other team in the WAC passing for more than 225 yards a game last year, the Falcons' flexbone was last in total offense and touchdowns. Those offensive problems, keyed to inexperience, will probably show up on defense this year.

The Falcons have two good building blocks in all-WAC tackle Chad Hennings (6-5, 260) and nose guard John Steed, with converted starting center Blake Gettys (250) figuring to start at the other tackle. Though bereft of starters, the Falcons felt comfortable at inside linebacker, until Derick Larson and Rip Burwald went out with knee injuries in the spring. Scott Gaines and Stacey Knutzen head a green crop on the outside, and Kreg Palko, Mike Gantt, and Pat Ahlgrimm are likely regulars in the secondary.

Though Jim Tomallo and Troy Calhoun shared the quarterback job a year ago, neither returned, leaving sophomore Steve Letnich as the starter with not a lick of varsity time. The top four rushers of '86 are gone, but Albert Booker and Greg Johnson are promising halfbacks and Robert Krause has started some. The Falcons don't have an established receiver, and tight end Frank Martini caught just three balls last year but is an extraordinary blocker. He helps make the line, despite the move of Gettys, perhaps the most settled area on the team, what with Jeff Johnson (250) and Greg Myers back to start and Jim Payne and David Hlatky (6-4, 260) showing promise.

All-America punter Mark Simon kept Air Force third nationally in net yardage, but he's gone, leaving Chris Blasy, who also shared the placement job with Mike Johnson. They made 19 of 23 field goals.



JEFF KNAPTON



MIKE SCHENBECK

HAWAII

Bob Wagner built his reputation on defense in 10 years as an assistant to Dick Tomey. Now that Tomey has departed to Arizona, the first new twist from the Wagner regime will come on offense. The Warriors lose nine starters from a defense that ranked sixth nationally and held opponents to two TDs or less on seven occasions. But Hawaii also had trouble scoring (fewer than 20 points per game), so Wagner will switch to the run-and-shoot.

The trigger man will probably be junior Warren Jones, who missed last season but whose athletic ability best suits the new offense. His targets, too, will be mostly new, with the exception of slotbacks Marco Johnson (38-520) and Koldene Walsh (14-200). There is youth at wide receiver—only Marcel Williams and Chris Gaskill are upperclassmen—and expe-



AL NOGA
Hawaii

rience at running back, where Heikoti Fakava (336 yards) and Junior Lopati return. JC standout Louis LaDay will also play somewhere. And what personnel returns on the line will probably be at new positions: Amosa Amosa (265) moving to center, Mark Nua (6-7, 325) to guard, and Kenny Hewett (6-7, 280) back to tackle. Charlie Moetului (250) also returns, but the Warriors need depth.

Wagner only has one starter back on the defensive line, but it's the one he wants: all-America tackle Al Noga (250), the WAC's defensive player of the year. But unless his linemates develop in a hurry, the Samoan Sack Man will see a lot of double-teaming. Sophomores Dana Directo (250) and Nick Maafala (260) head the replacement candidates. Youth will also be served at linebacker, with Joe Piccola (6-2, 230) the only senior figuring to start in a group that also includes Brian Belcher, Aaron Kane, Peter Weidanz, and promising JC import Lane Santiago. In the secondary, Pat McCray, Leon Austin, Rick Saunders, and Brian Norwood all have made a few starts, and Sean Kafentzis continues a family tradition at Hawaii.

The Warriors need major improvement in the kicking game from Rod Valverde (13-20 FG) and Kyle Ah Loo (37.7 punting). California's top JC scorer in 1985, Tracy Rutkowski, has a shot.

NEW MEXICO

Five losses to open the 1986 season pretty much spelled the end for Joe Lee Dunn, once considered something of a defensive genius, whose last couple of teams couldn't seem to stop anyone, at least not when it counted. The Lobos lost five games by a touchdown or less, which, along with the return of talented Terance Mathis and 15 others who started at one time or another, gives new coach Mike Sheppard some reason for hope. Just how much hope depends largely on what he can make out of his quarterback lottery, which includes senior Barry Garrison, Wichita State transfer Jarrod Mendenhall, JC imports John Mitchell and Ed Larson, freshman Duffy Daugherty, and two converted defensive backs, Thomas Crum and Phil Maloof.

With 18 transfers, it was evident Sheppard was going for immediate help. Two of those, Reggie Rodgers and James Stewart, will be in the hunt to replace 1,000-yard back Kevin Burgess. Two more, wide receivers Tony Kemp and Willie Owens, will challenge former defensive back Kenneth Whitehead, converted quarterback Myron Ashley, and starters Pat Capatolla (16-216) and Mathis, the only sophomore to make the all-WAC team after pulling down 53 passes for 955 yards and 10 TDs. Having bagged the run-and-shoot, Sheppard will try to fill the new tight-end spot with former linemen Charleston Fobbs and David Ziegler, while Barry Luther (245) and Scott Maney (252) are the only returning starters on the line now that Brian McCabe (253) has been shifted to defense.

McCabe will settle in with holdover tackles Orlando Leavell (274) and Fred Mady (245) in the Lobos' 3-4 alignment, while the linebacker spots are up for grabs. Kirk Allen (230) and James Storm (225) come over from Wichita State's abandoned program, Chris Houston arrives from the JC market, and Phillip Vaughn and Donnie Gassoway are returning starters. Both corners are open with the moves of Whitehead and Crum, with converted running back Devin Cooper, Darren Douglas and Danny Lara, and jocos Randy Johnson, Jim Marshall, and Darius Harris in the battle to join safeties Marcel Weise and Don Carpenter.

COLORADO STATE

A potentially glorious season got away from Leon Fuller's Rams when they dropped a one-pointer to WAC champ San Diego State, then lost to tail-enders UTEP and Utah on the road. Still, wins over rival Colorado and BYU indicated the Rams have turned the corner. But will what's gone around come back around? Fifteen starters are gone, including WAC career rushing leader Steve Bartalo, first-round draft pick quarterback Kelly Stouffer, league-leading kicker Steve Deline, and two-time all-WAC linemen Edgar Mitchell and Guy Goar. Most of the replacements will come from last year's depth—perhaps the best indication of how legitimate this program is.

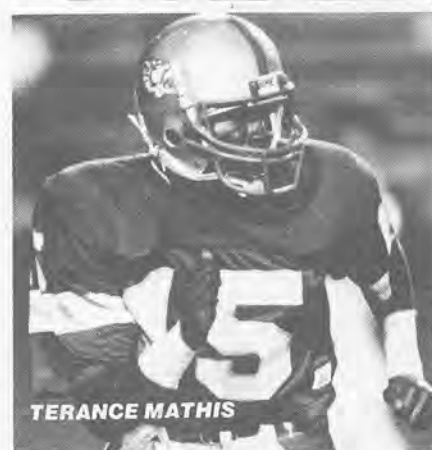
It might take two backs to replace Bartalo, and Fuller is willing to use two at a time, probably Scott Whitehouse, who can double at H-back, and Todd Richardson or Todd Yert. Quarterback is a bigger question, with JC transfers Brad Kofed and Scooter Molander challenging junior Jim Pedersen and sophomore Scott Benglen. Whoever wins the job has experienced receivers in Todd Tyrrell (28-496), Sanjay Beach (18-192), and Dewey Dorough (14-224) and a seasoned tight end in

Fred Davis, who had two starts in 1985. Robert Dakovich (246) and Allen Howlett are targeted to fill the two big holes on the line, joining incumbent starters Todd Eakes (6-5, 255) and Doug Fiala (6-7, 272).

On defense, nose guard Clint Hjelm will shift to tackle opposite returning starter Doug Wills, leaving the middle open for freshman Paul Hanks or JC All-America Greg Baker who had 23 sacks last year at Walla Walla. Pete Pavlakis is the anchor of the linebacking corps which will issue promotions to former backups Don Sowell, Dave Mundt, and Gary Thompson, who had 10 tackles in the win over BYU. The secondary has an able hand in two-year starter Ron Cortell (5 interceptions), who'll be joined by Ron Tesone, Rod Trumper, special teams ace Kirk Dando, and Wichita State transfer Sjohn Jackson.



FRED MADY
New Mexico



TERANCE MATHIS

TEXAS-EL PASO

It wasn't exactly *Star Trek*, but Bob Stull did boldly go where no Miner coach has gone before—not since 1974, anyway. UTEP won four games in Stull's debut, which wouldn't be anything to get excited about anywhere except El Paso, where the Miners set attendance records because of it.

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a schedule that doesn't, mercifully, call for five straight road games. They'll try, however, without quarterback Sammy Garza (3,140 yards passing). No. 4 nationally in total offense last year. His replacement will come from a quartet of four understudies led by sophomore Jeff Remo and JC thrower Pat Hegarty (2,438 yards at Saddleback). Leading receiver Bob Keseday is gone at tight end, but lots of targets remain, including wideouts Harold Collins and Barry Parker and Keseday's replacement, Arne Adkison. UTEP's biggest threat is junior tailback John Harvey (878 rushing, 44-361 receiving). He'll run behind a line that returns James Spady, Sean Kugler (6-3, 275), and Clint Riley (269) and gets a boost from transfers Mike Caravelli (6-4, 245) and Mike May (260).

Defense has never been UTEP's strong suit, though interceptions and fumbles last year regularly put the Miner D in dire straits. A year of experience up front should help holdover starters Steve Griggs, Ross Puritty, and Keith Lipscomb (245). Indeed, if the front develops enough, then end Joe Terry will be moved back to linebacker, to join 1986 surprise Doug Morgan. Richie Wright is the lone starter back in the secondary, though Terry Walker had five interceptions as a reserve. JC help comes from corner Darren Lewis.

Adkison (38.1) will handle the punting duties, and Hugo Castellanos (28-38 FG in three years) will probably have the placement job to himself if Chris Jacke redshirts.

UTAH

Remember all those wild shootouts the Utes won in Jim Fassel's rookie year of 1985? They got into a few more in 1986 and still fired a lot of bullets—but they couldn't find anywhere to take cover.

The nation's worst defensive team (the Utes gave up 60 touchdowns) does return six starters, which is something of a good news/bad news proposition. Utah has brought in a new defensive coordinator in Tom Gadd and switched to the 4-3, but the strength, apparently, is a secondary that returns starters Leo Austin, Clarence Fields, Eric Wheelwright, and Mike Jones. Tackle Bob Jenkins (255) and end Tika Manu (6-4, 258) are the veteran starters up front, where JC transfers Rich Broederlow (6-6, 255) and Brent O'Brien will add support. The linebacking jobs are toss-ups, with jucos James Thompson and Pasa Tukuafu joining starter Kevin Hawn and injury comebacks Mark Geiselmayer and Darren Patterson. No matter who plays, it's tough to imagine that the Utes couldn't improve on average yields of 5.2 on running plays and 8.5 on passes.

Not even the nation's No. 8 offense could score enough to keep up, and with only all-WAC running back Eddie Johnson (1,046 yards), guard John New (250), and tight end Curt Jones (17-187) as incumbent starters, the Utes aren't likely to be No. 8 again. Chris Medonca will inherit Larry Egger's quarterback job after spot duty a year ago, though redshirt freshman Scott Mitchell is the thrower of the future. Bryan Bero's spring knee injury leaves a hole at fullback that returning missionary Molonai Hala could fill. There's talent, if not experience, at receiver in Carl Harry (21-312), Jeff Jenkins, and Darren Hughes. A big question is whether the backs and receivers will get enough time from a young line. Craig Kaminski (6-6, 280), Jeff Parson (250), and Mike Watson (6-5, 260) and JC transfers Rick Eckles (265) and Scott Derby (265) are the leading candidates.

big sky conference

NEVADA-RENO

Good thing taking on the athletic director's job was such a distraction for coach Chris Ault. Imagine how overwhelming the Wolf Pack would have been if he'd been devoting all his attention to football. As it was, the Pack made a case as the most dominant Big Sky team of all time—and easily of the 1980s. Undeclared in the Sky, UNR was rolling through the Division I-AA playoffs until it was beaten by Georgia Southern in the semifinals.

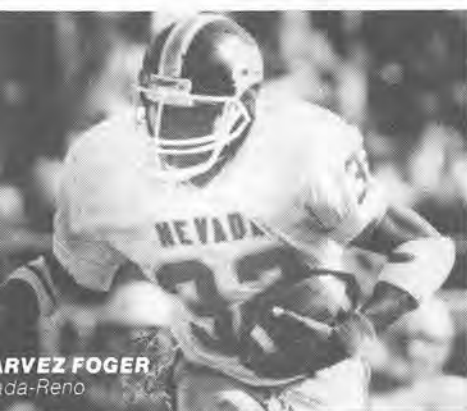
Despite the loss of six all-league players, the Wolf Pack might well go all the way this time. After all, they lost six all-leaguers last year and still went 13-1. This time, the biggest losses are three skill players: quarterback Eric Beavers, wideout Bryan Calder, and tight end Scott Threde. But considering UNR was the nation's top I-AA offensive team, you know Ault had other weapons. The one-two backfield punch of Lucius Floyd and Charvez Foger is truly an embarrassment of riches. Last year, it was Floyd who came to the front with 1,066 yards rushing (6.7 per carry), though on the goal line the call usually went to Foger (827 yards, 15 TDs), who's still only a junior. When they couldn't run it in or Beavers couldn't get it over, kicker Marty Zendejas (14-18 FG) put it through.

Now, the F Troop will have to hold the fort until Ault can develop a quarterback from the trio of Andy Genasci, JC transfer Jim Zacheo, or redshirt Donnie Walker. The winner will have basically a new set of receivers, save for Tony Logan (41-703), second to Calder in catches. Kevin Claiborne is the other probable starter outside, with JC help coming from Patrick Egu. Another juco, Beau Harlan, will get a shot at tight end, and Patrique Wilburn will shore up a line anchored around John Armstrong (6-4, 245), Tom Klisiewicz (6-5, 255), Keith Terrance (260), and Donal Rose.

The defense wasn't as dominant as it's been in the past—until the opponent got close to the end zone. The Pack gave up just 19 touchdowns in 11 games and eight starters return, including nose guard Bill Bonsall (6-0, 230), all-Big Sky last year as a sophomore. Ault needs to find him some help up front, senior Dean Hodges and JC import Scott Beli might be it. Otherwise the Pack is deep, though linebacker Henry Rolling and corner Joe Peterson will be missed. Two juco linebackers, Todd Deeds and Marlon Marrow, join Jeff Davis, Mike Lazovich, and Scott Lom-mori, who led the team in stops playing part-time. In the secondary, Mike Brown, Brian Kaskie, Ken Caleb, Bernard Ellison, and Robert Ford all made starts a year ago.

GREG WYATT
Northern Arizona





ARVEZ FOGER
Nevada-Reno



MARTY
ZENDEJAS

IDAHO

For all the yards the Vandals have covered through the air in the past five years, they've rarely done it with a classic drop-back quarterback. Now they'll try it that way. Sophomore John Friesz, a lanky 6-4, 205-pounder, follows the throwers (Ken Hobart and Scott Linehan) who took the Idaho program into national prominence. Friesz isn't the most mobile quarterback, but with eight offensive veterans surrounding him he shouldn't have to resort to his own running devices.

Offensive production slipped a bit in '86, though the Vandals kept winning under new coach Keith Gilbertson—going 8-3 before losing to Reno in the I-AA first round. A young line was part of the problem, but Greg Hale (270), Troy Wright (254), Todd Neu (274), Mark Schlereth, and Steve Unger are still not seniors yet. They'll buy a lot of time until Friesz can find wideouts Neosia Morris (59-719), Eric Jorgensen (31-406), JC transfer John Jake, or 6-4 Carlos Carson, who'll stand out among the Vandal Smurfs. Craig Robinson and Chris Slater caught 29 balls between them at tight end, while fullback Todd Hoiness hauled in 18. He's the veteran of the backfield, but Larry Leverett might be the budding star.

The Vandal defense never gets the notice the offense does, but it seems to get a little better each year. The development of tackles Craig Dowdy (245) and Charlie Porter (270) and inside linebackers Jim and Jerry Medved are the keys to further improvement. Gilbertson had enough faith in his tackles to move sophomore Kord Smith (256), a second-team all-leaguer as a freshman, over to end, where he and Peter Wilkins give Idaho one of the best tandems in the league. The outside linebacker is Kevin Johnson, though it's really more of a nickel-back position—the same he played last year in making 70 stops. That eases the logjam a bit in a secondary that includes returning starters Dan McCanna, Vir-

gil Paulsen, and Richard Carey, plus Ernest Sanders and converted receiver Carl Fite.

The Vandals will try to get kicker Brian Decio back on track after a 12-for-25 sophomore slump on field goals, while J.D. Golick looks to be the successor at punter.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Is it bad defense that makes Big Sky offenses look so great? Maybe. Certainly great offense can overcome mediocre defense, but not awful defense. There's a distinct line between mediocre and awful in this league: separating the Nos. 4 and 5 defensive teams in 1986 was an ocean measuring 62 yards and 11 points a game. With only one starter back on D, blossoming end Scott Johnson, the Lumberjacks might sink through that sea in a hurry.

Unless the offense can keep them afloat. The Big Sky is quarterback country, but no freshman ever made the kind of splash Greg Wyatt did in '86, a league-leading 63.8 completion percentage for 2,862 yards. He and tight end Shawn Collins (70-1,016) made stars out of each other and boosted the Axers into the title picture for the first time since 1978. Wyatt has other targets in wideouts Sandy Sledge (16-405, a whopping 25.3 per catch) and Michael Haynes (20-349), plus a slew of returning backs in Allen Rouse (507 yards), Donri Roberson (386, 27-159), Anthony Hall, and James Chambers. And the line is huge: Pat Meech (276), Rod Leota (270), and Vince Beemiller (281) as holdover starters, with Frank Pollack (6-5, 271) and Keith Politte (258) the top guards.

The defense? Well, the cupboard isn't completely bare. James Jackson (271) and Sandy Woodward played in all 11 games last year, as did end Tony Battiest (268), Brian Liebrook (231), Peter Jonovich, and Derek Zazueta (238) are junior veterans, while Clark Osborne, John Dierking, and Joe Ayers are the most tested of the secondary backs. From the JC ranks, tackle Chris Glaze (270), linebacker Alex Gilmete, and backs Henry Miller and Jed Shorty will add immediate help.

Kicker Goran Lingmerth (23-29 FG, 93 points) will be succeeded by Mickey Penafior, while backup quarterback Rhober Brafford will have to develop as a punter.

BOISE STATE

Other than Lyle Setencich, no Bronco coach has had a losing season since 1947. Setencich had one last year, which is why Skip Hall is the head coach now. The former Washington assistant inherits a great situation but a so-so team, though certainly the Broncos always have enough talent to make things miserable for anyone. If he can rebuild a defense that ranked sixth in the nation but returns just two starters, Hall's Broncos may do more than just hold their own.

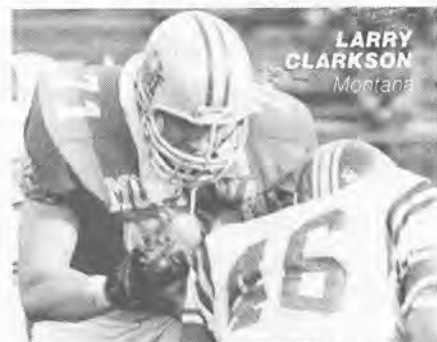
All-league tackle Peter Kwiatkowski (245) and cornerback Ralph Gooding are the lone holdover starters on D, though corner Chris Truitt was all-Big Sky as a return specialist. Ralph Gooding gives Hall another veteran back, while sophomore Pat Moore (245) and Pat McDade (260) will try to fill some shoes up front. The linebacking situation will be helped by the arrival of jucos Fred Douglas and Larry Hines, but the Broncos need to develop depth in a hurry.

Funny thing was, the defense dominated BSU's spring game, which saw barely 400 yards in total offense. This despite the return of seven starters—though one of them, quarterback Keith Jarrett, took off when he found himself behind Vince Alcade in the two-deep,

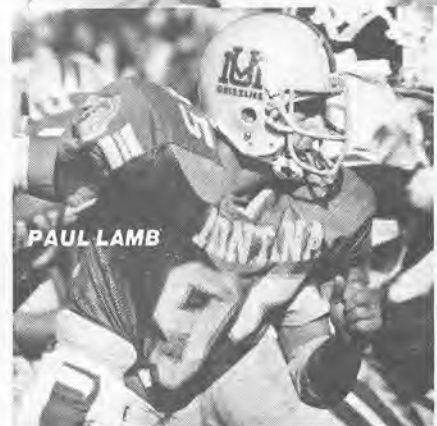
As it is, Alcade will have to hold off freshman Duane Halliday for the starting job. The top two receivers of '86, Eric Andrade (41-624) and Corby Bedard (23-228), return and Jeff Lindsley (8-163) will step into Jon Cox's spot at tight end. Likewise, top rusher Chris Jackson (532 yards) and Cliff Sexton (375) are back, and Hall has some veteran blockers in all-leaguer Tom DeWitz (250), Kim Hilliard (6-5, 245), and Dan Murphy (265), JC recruit Joe Murawa might earn a job as well.

MONTANA

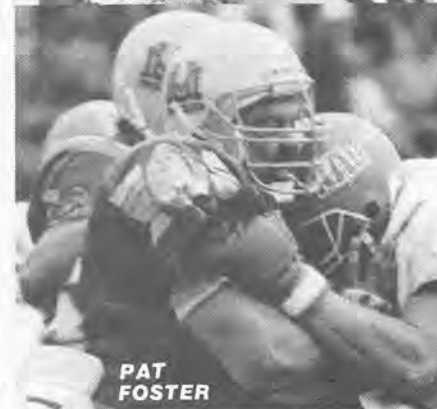
The Grizzlies finally retired their 20-year-old "temporary" stadium in 1986. They can only hope the excitement the team generated in the process will be so temporary.



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Still, Montana was tough to figure. While getting used to a new coach (Don Read) bringing in a new (passing) offense (as opposed to Larry Donovan's inept wishbone), but with a Donovan-esque defense (467 yards and 30 points a game), the Grizzlies managed to go 6-4 and rank second nationally in passing. The only thing standing in the way of UM doing it again is a reversal of the plus-17 turnover margin that made them so opportunistic in '86—and the loss of quarterback Brent Pease and receiver-kicker-punter-returner Mike Rice, who was only the best football player in the league.

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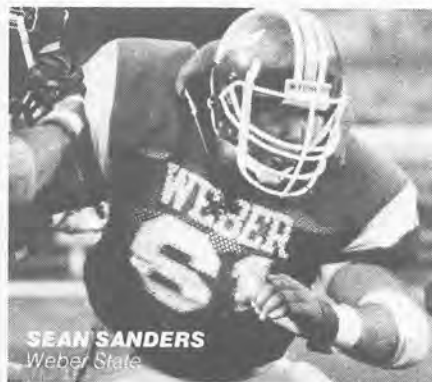
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Pease's replacement will be either 1985 letterman Scott Werbelow or JC transfer Tim Winter, who brought along Walla Walla teammate Don Holbrook to pick up some of the slack Rice's departure leaves. But the Grizzlies have lots of targets in Tony Lambert (39-569), Dave Garza (10-242), tight ends Paul Lamb (11-182) and Brad Salonen (14-203), and running backs Mike Ehlers (16-138) and Renard Coleman (27-163), if he makes it out of the academic doghouse. If he doesn't, talented Jody Farmer or speedy juco Todd McGrew will be fine. The line is large, especially first-team all-leaguer Larry Clarkson (6-7, 303), who anchors a group that includes Scott Hartman (6-4, 252), Bill Venard (255), and Kirk Scrafford (6-6, 250). Transfer Tim Bradford (6-5, 260) will find a home, too.

Most of the faces will be familiar on defense, where Read hopes the results won't be. The greenest area is linebacker, where Demedric Cooks, Mike Rankin, and Kevin Bartsch must come along quickly. The secondary got toasted regularly in '86, so Read imported jucos Quinton Richardson, Steve Quilici, and Mikael



Collins to join incumbents Tony Breland, Dwayne Hans, David Reeves, and Greg Nygren. The Grizzlies could use a better rush, too, from Ward Crawford (6-4, 245), Jason Ray (250), Rick Sullivan (235), and Pat Foster (6-5, 265), one of the Sky's best when healthy.

Nowhere will Rice's loss be felt more than on special teams—since he was UM's special teams. Farmer and Lamb will punt and Jake Schloesser will do the place-kicking, but neither of them as reliably as Rice.

EASTERN WASHINGTON

No more parlor games for the Eagles. They've earned their way into the league with a 14-7 record against Big Sky teams since going I-AA. Whether that will suffer some now that EWU is a "counter" on everyone's schedule remains to be seen. But the fact remains, no coach gets more out of his talent than Dick Zornes, who will have to break in 15 new starters. Still, half of the first 22 are seniors.

The big question mark is quarterback, where inconsistent Jon Snider will have to hold off JC recruit Todd Larson (3,393 yards in two seasons). The victor will have talented targets despite heavy graduation losses, with Kevin Larew, Jamie Buenzli, and transfer Drew Azure out wide and Brook Aldrich becoming the full-time starter at tight end. For balance, Zornes goes to Jamie Townsend (560 yards in an injury-filled '86), the best back in the Big Sky behind the Reno tandem, and Vernon Williams (838 yards). The line has a star, too, in Jeff Mickel (6-6, 282) but is alarmingly green. Paul Roberts (6-6, 277),

Scott Rehn (280), Steve Hein, and Trev Farris are the early leaders.

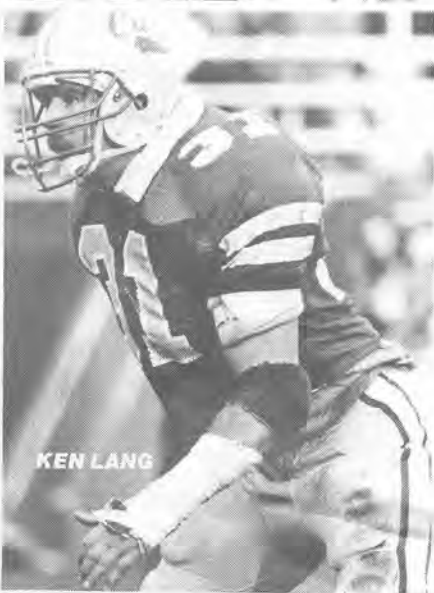
The defense is intriguing. Allen Gilmour has blossomed as a middle linebacker—he may be the team's best player—and Brad Faker and Paul Farrell are solid on the sides. Eastern's secondary has never been so talented, or so young. Safety Kevin O'Connor is the lone senior of note. Brothers Andre and Dominic Corr, a converted running back, could start on the corners, and sophomores Quintin Blythe and Pat Ogden are corners. The key is up front, where three-year starter Jim Ferster (6-5, 240) is the dominant player.

The kicking game is more than solid with Eric Stein (41.9 punting, 11-14 FG), who didn't miss between 30 and 49 yards.

WEBER STATE

Mike Price finally got the message. His offenses—the Wildcat head man has doubled as quarterback coach—are always among the nation's best, but a sorry D kept the 'Cats from climbing any higher than fourth during his tenure. Not one Wildcat made first- or second-team all-league on defense last year.

So Price will tutor the strong safeties—Weber will use two, and defensive ends rather than outside linebackers—and kibitz on defense this year. What's more, 17 of his 22 recruits are defenders. A reshuffled line will feature Michael Neal (6-4, 265), Tom Flesher (6-6, 245), Mike Robinson (6-4, 255), and juco Tim Davis (260) in the middle, with 235-pounders Robb Akey and strongman Taani



Tai on the ends. Joe Long is your basic plugger at linebacker, joined by Vernell Quinn. Calvin Hampton and Joe Hargrove are back at strong safety, juco David Mossman mans the new rover spot, and the corners will probably fall to Rich Willis and JC import Ken Beazer.

Price's two-headed quarterback system is out, leaving little-used subs Jeff Carlson and Dave Critchlow to compete with JC transfer Manuel Garcia. Sean Sanders (965 yards, 12 TDs), split end Wade Orton (57-846), and tight end Gerald Wilcox (30-434) give Weber three solid skill positions, and Paul Valenzuela (265), George Fuller (255), Kelly Widmeyer (6-9, 300), and Angus MacInnes (255) are the heart of a good line.

MONTANA STATE

Dave Arnold's roller-coaster ride from Big Sky doormat to I-AA champion and back to the bottom stalled in 1986's 3-8 season. The Bobcats looked over the Dakota border to lure Earle Solomonson, who inherits a lot of defensive holdovers and a schedule that shows four straight road games in October.

As shaky as the Bobcat defense was, the offense was, by Big Sky standards, shameful, averaging fewer than 20 points a game. And it loses record-setting quarterback Kelly Bradley, leaving Kelly Sherwin and Shaun Shahan to ignite a spark. Leading rusher Kirk Copeland (430 yards, 24 catches) is back, along with wide receiver Pat Bergman (15-287), but otherwise the Cats must rebuild. Two transfer fullbacks, Mike Liebelt and Grant Spoklie, should play, along with receiver Tony Moore and tight end Mart Paffhausen. Brian Kaufman (6-4, 250) is the lone starter back on the line.

The heart of the defense, linebacker Kirk Timmer, is gone, but inside man Ken Lang made just as many stops a year ago and gets help on the outside from Ron Hanson and Matt Micklewright. In the secondary, safeties Bob Kimball (5 interceptions) and Rob Pouliot return, as does corner Kevin Kirwin. Tackles Kevin Wolf (250) and Tom Jacobs (6-5, 255) are solid starters on the line.

IDAHO STATE

From October 4 on, the Bengals gave up an average of 40 points a game. Montana scored 95, but played ISU twice.

With nine full- or part-time starters returning, coach Jim Koetter has room for improvement, especially since five of them are sophomores. The best group is in the secondary, where holdovers Bob Burkhalter, Don Davis, Jason Gault, and Mike Marks have been supplemented by JCs Arthur White and Tony Roland. There are veteran linebackers, too, in Tony Manu, Michael Hunt, and Mike Calley, with transfer Greg Hetrick providing extra cover speed. Up front, Rob Bunting (6-4, 245) and Jerry Oates (245) will be joined by juco Curtis Harman (260).

The Bengals seem less settled on offense, particularly since holdover quarterback Gino Mariani (2,599 yards) had an up-and-down spring and Greg Teeter, the only returning starter on the line, injured a knee that will cause him to miss the '87 season. But the emergence of Spencer Sargent gives Koetter another weapon at running back along with Corky Federico (311 yards) and Butch Caston (308), while Shawn Beals (34 catches, 497 yards) is a standout wide receiver. The line is green, but John Leary (6-4, 260), Bret Hansen (265), and Dan Milender (6-7, 260) established themselves as starters.

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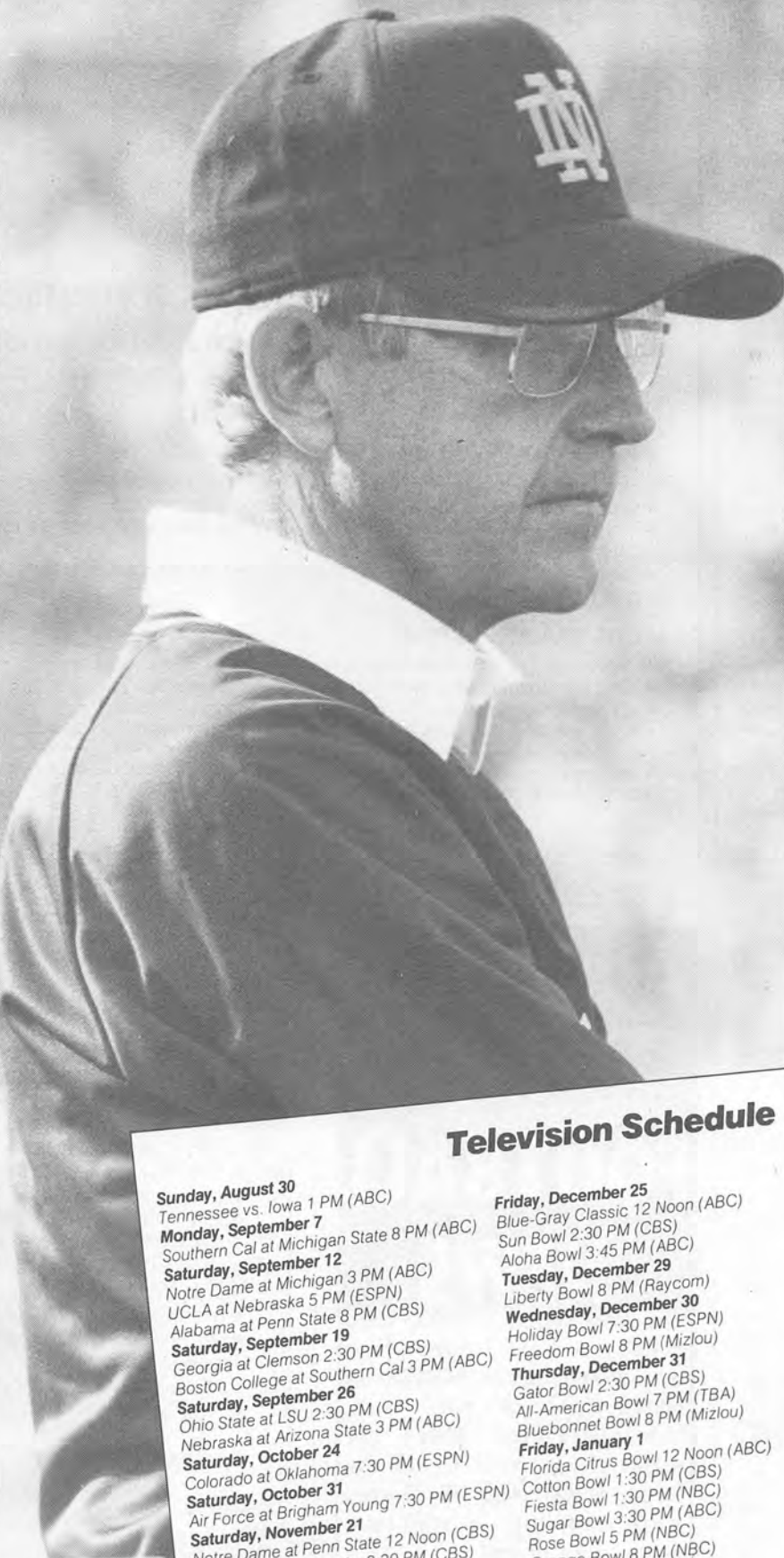
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Monday, September 7

Southern Cal at Michigan State 8 PM (ABC)

Saturday, September 12

Notre Dame at Michigan 3 PM (ABC)

UCLA at Nebraska 5 PM (ESPN)

Alabama at Penn State 8 PM (CBS)

Saturday, September 19

Georgia at Clemson 2:30 PM (CBS)

Boston College at Southern Cal 3 PM (ABC)

Saturday, September 26

Ohio State at LSU 2:30 PM (CBS)

Nebraska at Arizona State 3 PM (ABC)

Saturday, October 24

Colorado at Oklahoma 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, October 31

Air Force at Brigham Young 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, November 21

Notre Dame at Penn State 12 Noon (CBS)

Oklahoma at Nebraska 3:30 PM (CBS)

Thursday, November 26

Texas at Texas A&M 8 PM (ESPN)

Friday, November 27

Auburn at Alabama 2:40 PM (CBS)

Saturday, December 5

Army vs. Navy 2 PM (CBS)

Saturday, December 19

Independence Bowl 8:05 PM (Mizlou)

Friday, December 25

Blue-Gray Classic 12 Noon (ABC)

Sun Bowl 2:30 PM (CBS)

Aloha Bowl 3:45 PM (ABC)

Tuesday, December 29

Liberty Bowl 8 PM (Raycom)

Wednesday, December 30

Holiday Bowl 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Freedom Bowl 8 PM (Mizlou)

Thursday, December 31

Gator Bowl 2:30 PM (CBS)

All-American Bowl 7 PM (TBA)

Bluebonnet Bowl 8 PM (Mizlou)

Friday, January 1

Florida Citrus Bowl 12 Noon (ABC)

Cotton Bowl 1:30 PM (CBS)

Fiesta Bowl 1:30 PM (NBC)

Sugar Bowl 3:30 PM (ABC)

Rose Bowl 5 PM (NBC)

Orange Bowl 8 PM (NBC)

Saturday, January 2

Peach Bowl 2 PM (Mizlou)

Saturday, January 16

East-West Shrine Classic 3 PM (Mizlou)

Hula Bowl 4 PM (NBC)

Saturday, January 23

Senior Bowl 1 PM (Mizlou)

ABILENE CHRISTIAN Abilene, TX

S.12 Northern Colorado F	27-20
S.19 Tennessee Tech + *F	
S.26 Cameron University *F	
O.10 Eastern New Mexico + *F	34-10
O.17 Central State (OK) + *F	28-41
O.24 Angelo State F	45-13
O.31 Texas Lutheran + F	
N. 7 East Texas State F	20-12
N.14 Texas A & I + U	19-36
N.21 West Texas State U	28-32

Coach: John Payne • Colors: Purple, White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-7, L-3

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Colorado Springs, CO

S. 5 Wyoming U.	17-23
S.12 Texas Christian + F	
S.19 San Diego State + U	22-10
S.26 Colorado State F	24-7
O. 3 Utah + F	45-35
O.10 Navy F	40-6
O.17 Notre Dame + U	3-31
O.31 Brigham Young *U	3-23
N. 7 Army + U	11-21
N.14 New Mexico F	
N.21 Hawaii F	24-17

Coach: Fisher DeBerry • Colors: Silver & Blue
Nickname: Falcons • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

AKRON Akron, OH

S. 5 Western Michigan F	
S.12 Kent State + *F	17-7
S.19 Eastern Michigan + *F	21-24
S.24 Temple U	
O. 3 Eastern Illinois + *U	
O.10 Oregon State U	
O.17 Delaware State + F	
O.24 Louisville U	
O.31 Nicholls State + F	
N.14 Northern Illinois T	
N.21 Youngstown State + F	39-40

Coach: Gerry Faust • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

ALABAMA University, AL

S. 5 Southern Mississippi + F	31-17
S.12 Penn State + *U	3-23
S.19 Florida + F	21-7
S.26 Vanderbilt *F	42-10
O. 3 Southwestern Louisiana + F	
O.10 Memphis State F	37-0
O.17 Tennessee *U	56-28
O.31 Mississippi State + F	38-3
N. 7 Louisiana State *U	10-14
N.14 Notre Dame U	28-10
N.27 Auburn + U	17-21

Coach: Bill Curry • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3

ALABAMA STATE Montgomery, AL

S.12 Southern U *U	9-27
S.19 Alcorn State + *U	17-24
S.26 Texas Southern *U	35-31
O. 3 Florida A & M *U	
O.10 Ft. Valley St. F	21-24
O.17 Albany St. + *F	14-0
O.24 Prairie View A & M + *F	20-14
O.31 Alabama A & M U	17-20
N. 7 Grambling + U	7-16
N.14 Miss. Valley St. + U	3-19
N.21 Tuskegee + F	

Coach: (TBA) • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Hornets • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

ALCORN STATE Lorman, MS

S. 5 Grambling *U	17-19
S.19 Alabama State *F	24-17
O. 3 Nicholls State *F	
O.10 Texas Southern *F	35-33
O.24 Southern *F	14-13
O.31 Florida A & M + U	30-33
N. 7 Mississippi Valley State + F	17-13
N.14 Prairie View A & M + F	35-20
N.21 Jackson State *U	17-23

Coach: Theo Danzy • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Braves • 1986 Record: W-5, L-5

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ANGELO STATE San Angelo, TX

S. 5 Sam Houston State + U	21-38
S. 12 Texas Southern F	31-27
S. 19 East Central State + F	
S. 26 New Mexico State F	20-14
O. 10 West Texas State + U	15-38
O. 17 Eastern New Mexico F	35-14
O. 24 Abilene Christian + U	13-45
O. 31 Central State (OK) F	23-21
N. 14 East Texas State + F	43-16
N. 21 Texas A & I U	34-52

Coach: Jerry Vandergiff • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Rams • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

APPALACHIAN STATE Boone, NC

S. 5 South Carolina U	
S. 12 James Madison + F	21-20
S. 19 Virginia Military F	19-6
S. 26 Wake Forest U	13-21
O. 10 Liberty + F	
O. 17 Furman F	17-17
O. 24 Tenn-Chattanooga + F	20-15
O. 31 East Tennessee State F	40-14
N. 7 Marshall + F	27-17
N. 14 Citadel F	33-10
N. 21 Western Carolina F	17-13

Coach: Sparky Woods • Colors: Black & Gold
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ARIZONA Tucson, AZ

S. 12 Iowa + U	
S. 19 New Mexico + F	
S. 26 UCLA U	25-32
O. 3 Bowling Green + F	
O. 10 California F	33-16
O. 17 Oregon State + F	23-12
O. 24 Stanford U	24-29
O. 31 Washington State F	31-6
N. 7 Washington + U	
N. 14 Southern Cal U	13-20
N. 28 Arizona State U	34-17

Coach: Dick Tomey • Colors: Cardinal, Navy
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3

ARIZONA STATE Tempe, AZ

S. 12 Illinois F	
S. 19 Pacific + F	
S. 26 Nebraska + U	
O. 3 Texas - El Paso + F	
O. 10 Washington U	34-21
O. 17 Washington State + F	21-21
O. 24 Oregon State F	
O. 31 UCLA + U	16-9
N. 7 Oregon + F	37-17
N. 14 California F	49-0
N. 28 Arizona + F	17-34

Coach: John Cooper • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Sun Devils • 1986 Record: W-10, L-1, T-1

ARKANSAS Fayetteville, AR

S. 12 Mississippi F	21-0
S. 19 Tulsa + F	34-17
S. 26 Miami (FL) T	
O. 3 Texas Christian F	34-17
O. 10 Texas Tech F	7-17
O. 17 Texas (OK) F	21-14
O. 24 Houston + F	30-13
O. 31 Rice F	45-14
N. 7 Baylor + F	14-29
N. 14 Texas A & M F	14-10
N. 28 New Mexico (OK) F	
D. 5 Hawaii F	
(OK) Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Ken Hatfield • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Razorbacks • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3

ARKANSAS STATE Jonesboro, AR

S. 5 Northwestern Louisiana + F	21-0
S. 12 Mississippi College + F	
S. 19 Mississippi (OK) U	10-10
S. 26 East Texas State + F	44-0
O. 3 McNeese State F	23-14
O. 17 Louisiana Tech + F	20-17
O. 24 Southern Illinois F	22-7
O. 31 Memphis State F	30-10
N. 7 North Texas State + F	43-21
N. 14 Lamar F	56-7
N. 21 Northeast Louisiana F	26-21
(OK) Jackson, MS	

Coach: Larry Lacewell • Colors: Scarlet & Black
 Nickname: Indians • 1986 Record: W-12, L-2, T-1

ARMY West Point, NY

S. 12 Holy Cross + U	14-17
S. 19 Kansas State F	
S. 26 Citadel + F	
O. 3 Wake Forest + F	14-49
O. 10 Boston College U	20-27
O. 17 Colgate + F	
O. 24 Rutgers + F	7-35
O. 31 Temple + F	
N. 7 Air Force F	21-11
N. 14 Lafayette + F	56-48
D. 5 Navy (OK) F	27-7
(OK) Philadelphia, PA	

Coach: Jim Young • Colors: Black, Gold, Gray
 Nickname: Cadets, Black Knights • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

AUBURN Auburn, AL

S. 5 Texas + F	
S. 12 Kansas + F	
S. 26 Tennessee F	34-8
O. 3 North Carolina F	
O. 10 Vanderbilt + F	31-9
O. 17 Georgia Tech F	31-10
O. 24 Mississippi State + F	35-6
O. 31 Florida + F	17-18
N. 7 Florida State + F	
N. 14 Georgia F	16-20
N. 27 Alabama F	21-17

Coach: Pat Dye • Colors: Burnt Orange & Navy Blue
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-10, L-2

AUGUSTANA Sioux Falls, SD

S. 5 Eastern Washington U	
S. 12 Wayne State + F	7-3
S. 19 North Dakota F	19-10
S. 26 North Dakota St. + U	0-25
O. 3 South Dakota U	8-48
O. 10 South Dakota St. + U	7-40
O. 17 Neb-Omaha U	0-10
O. 24 Morningside + F	17-9
O. 31 Northern Colorado + F	10-13
N. 14 St. Cloud State + U	18-22

Coach: Jim Heintz • Colors: Blue & Old Gold
 Nickname: Vikings • 1986 Record: 5-6

AUSTIN PEAY Clarksville, TN

S. 5 Kansas State U	
S. 12 UT-Martin F	36-0
S. 19 Southern Illinois + U	17-24
S. 26 Tennessee Tech + F	23-13
O. 3 Middle Tennessee U	7-0
O. 10 Morehead State U	10-27
O. 17 Youngstown State U	13-10
O. 24 Western Kentucky U	20-24
O. 31 Eastern Kentucky U	17-27
N. 14 Cincinnati U	
N. 21 Murray State U	14-24

Coach: Emory Hale • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Governors • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

BALL STATE Muncie, IN

S. 12 Toledo F	27-10
S. 19 Bowling Green + U	17-20
S. 26 Wisconsin U	
O. 3 Miami (OH) U	7-45
O. 10 Kent State + U	26-17
O. 17 Eastern Michigan F	7-14
O. 24 Central Michigan + F	22-43
O. 31 Northern Illinois + F	20-10
N. 7 Western Michigan F	24-10
N. 14 Ohio University + F	30-9
N. 21 Indiana State F	16-3

Coach: Paul Shudell • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Cardinals • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

BAYLOR Waco, TX

S. 5 Louisiana Tech + F	38-7
S. 12 Missouri F	
S. 19 Nevada - Las Vegas F	
S. 26 Texas Tech + F	45-14
O. 3 Houston F	27-13
O. 10 Southwest Texas State + F	
O. 17 Texas A & M U	30-31
O. 24 Texas Christian + U	28-17
N. 7 Arkansas U	29-14
N. 14 Rice + F	23-17
N. 21 Texas U	18-13

Coach: Grant Teaff • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Bears • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3

BETHUNE-COOKMAN Daytona Beach, FL

S. 5 Central Florida F	14-26
S. 12 Morgan State F	52-9
S. 19 Howard + U	38-6
S. 26 Grambling U	24-30
O. 3 Delaware State U	17-34
O. 10 Georgia Southern + F (OK) U	31-52
O. 17 South Carolina State U	14-28
O. 31 North Carolina A & T + U	24-30
N. 7 Tennessee State U	10-13
N. 14 Morris Brown F	20-13
N. 28 Florida A & M U	6-16
(OK) Jacksonville, FL	

Coach: Larry Little • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

BOISE STATE Boise, ID

S. 5 Delaware State + F	
S. 12 Northridge St. + F	
S. 26 Weber St. F	23-13
O. 3 Montana St. + F	31-14
O. 10 Eastern Wash. + F	19-21
O. 17 Montana F	31-0
O. 24 Idaho St. + F	6-25
O. 31 Utah + F	
N. 7 Nevada-Reno U	16-21
N. 14 Northern Arizona + U	14-17
N. 21 Idaho U	14-21

Coach: Skip Hall • Colors: Orange & Blue
 Nickname: Broncos • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

BOSTON COLLEGE Chestnut Hill, MA

S. 5 Texas Christian + F	
S. 12 Temple + F	38-29
S. 19 Southern Cal U	
S. 26 Penn State + F	14-26
O. 3 Pittsburgh U	
O. 10 Army + F	27-20
O. 17 Rutgers F	9-11
O. 24 West Virginia + F	19-10
O. 31 Tennessee + U	
N. 7 Notre Dame U	
N. 14 Syracuse F	27-9

Coach: Jack Bicknell • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Eagles • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3

BOSTON UNIVERSITY Boston, MA

S. 12 Indiana State F	
S. 19 New Hampshire + U	9-26
S. 26 Maine F	26-23
O. 3 Villanova F	
O. 10 Connecticut + U	7-24
O. 17 Rhode Island + U	17-0
O. 24 Massachusetts U	25-34
O. 31 Richmond + F	15-56
N. 7 Citadel + F	
N. 14 Colgate F	45-17
N. 21 Delaware U	45-35

Coach: Steve Stetson • Colors: Scarlet & White
 Nickname: Terriers • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

BOWLING GREEN Bowling Green, OH

S. 5 Penn State U	
S. 12 Youngstown State + F	
S. 19 Ball State F	20-17
S. 26 Western Michigan + F	17-3
O. 3 Arizona U	
O. 10 Ohio University F	21-17
O. 17 Toledo + F	3-22
O. 31 Miami (OH) F	7-24
N. 7 Kent State + F	31-15
N. 14 Eastern Michigan F	24-10
N. 21 Central Michigan + F	10-20

Coach: Moe Ankeny • Colors: Orange & Brown
 Nickname: Falcons • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, UT

S. 5 Pittsburgh + U	
S. 12 Texas U	
S. 19 Texas Christian F	
S. 26 New Mexico F	31-30
O. 2 Utah State + F	52-0
O. 10 Wyoming + F	34-22
O. 24 Hawaii F	10-3
O. 31 Air Force + F	23-3
N. 7 San Diego State + F	3-10
N. 14 Texas-El Paso F	
N. 21 Utah + F	35-21
D. 5 Colorado State (OK) F	20-24
(OK) Melbourne, Australia	

Coach: Lavell Edwards • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Cougars • 1986 Record: W-8, L-4

BROWN Providence, RI

S. 19 Yale F	21-7
S. 26 Rhode Island + F	27-7
O. 3 Princeton + F	24-14
O. 10 Penn U	0-34
O. 17 Cornell + U	9-27
O. 24 Holy Cross U	7-22
O. 31 Harvard + F	31-19
N. 7 Lehigh U	
N. 14 Dartmouth F	21-21
N. 21 Columbia + F	45-7

Coach: John Rosenberg • Colors: Brown, Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Bruins, Bears • 1986 Record: 5-4-1

BUCKNELL Lewisburg, PA

S. 12 Colgate U	40-39
S. 19 Davidson F	27-7
S. 26 Pennsylvania + U	7-10
O. 3 Harvard U	
O. 10 Lafayette U	34-52
O. 17 Holy Cross + U	10-17
O. 24 Columbia + U	
O. 31 Cornell U	3-16
N. 7 William & Mary U	13-30
N. 14 Lehigh + U	7-17

Coach: George Landis • Colors: Orange & Blue
 Nickname: Bison • 1986 Record: W-3, L-7

CALIFORNIA Berkeley, CA

S. 5 Pacific + F	
S. 12 San Jose State + U	14-35
S. 19 Minnesota U	
S. 26 Southern Cal + U	3-28
O. 3 Tennessee U	
O. 10 Arizona + U	16-33
O. 24 UCLA U	10-36
O. 31 Oregon F	9-27
N. 14 Arizona State + U	0-49
N. 21 Stanford U	17-11
N. 29 Washington State (OK) F	31-21
(OK) Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Bob Snyder • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Bears • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

CAL-DAVIS Davis, CA

S. 19 Nevada-Reno U	
S. 26 Santa Clara + F	42-18
O. 3 Cal Poly SLO + F	32-21
O. 10 Chico St. F	33-30
O. 17 San Francisco St. + F	51-3
O. 24 Hayward St. + F	24-14
O. 31 Sonoma St. F	12-6
N. 7 Northridge St. + F	25-20
N. 14 Sacramento St. F	29-6
N. 21 Humboldt St. F	45-28

Coach: Jim Sachor • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Cal Aggies • 1986 Record: W-10, L-1

CAL LUTHERAN Thousand Oaks, CA

S. 12 San Francisco St. F	31-0
S. 19 Cal Poly SLO + U	9-33
S. 26 Hayward St. + F	17-29
O. 3 Southern Utah St. + U	31-34
O. 10 Northridge St. U	3-17
O. 17 Santa Clara U	9-33
O. 24 Portland St. U	7-28
O. 31 Sacramento St. + U	17-18
N. 7 UC - Santa Barbara F	
N. 14 Azusa-Pacific F	45-23
N. 21 St. Mary's + U	35-49

Coach: Bob Shoup • Colors: Violet & Gold
 Nickname: Kingsmen • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

CAL POLY San Luis Obispo, CA

S. 12 Humboldt State + F	
S. 19 Cal Lutheran F	33-9
S. 29 Chico State U	26-18
O. 3 UC Davis + U	21-32
O. 10 CSU Hayward F	14-17
O. 17 CSU Northridge + U	20-21
O. 24 CSU Sacramento U	26-6
O. 31 Portland State + U	7-66
N. 14 So. Utah State F	33-43
N. 21 Santa Clara + F	36-24

Coach: Lyle Seleneich • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Mustangs • 1986 Record: W-5, L-5

CAMERON Lawton, OK

S. 5 SE Oklahoma St.*U	10-19
S.12 Henderson St.*F	17-18
S.19 Fort Hays St.*F	
S.26 Abilene Christian*U	
O. 3 Central St.*F	21-21
O.17 Langston F	41-0
O.24 Texas A & I*U	
O. 7 Texas Lutheran*F	28-3

Coach: Brian Naber • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Aggies • 1986 Record: W-11, L-2, T-1

CENTRAL STATE Edmond, OK

S. 5 SW Missouri*U	
S.12 West Texas*U	28-35
S.19 Langston*F	
S. 3 Cameron*U	21-21
O.10 Texas A & I*U	17-38
O.17 Abilene Christian*U	41-28
O.24 Eastern New Mexico*F	
O.31 Angelo State*U	21-23
N.21 East Texas F	

Coach: Gary Howard • Colors: Bronze & Blue
 Nickname: Broncos • 1986 Record: W-3, L-5, T-1

CENTRAL MICHIGAN Mt. Pleasant, MI

S. 5 Miami (OH)*U	21-59
S.12 Idaho*U	34-21
S.26 Minnesota*U	
O. 3 Kent State*U	30-33
O.10 Eastern Michigan*F	16-34
O.17 Tulsa*U	6-42
O.24 Ball State*U	43-22
O.31 Western Michigan*F	18-10
N. 7 Ohio University*F	56-27
N.14 Toledo*U	14-26
N.21 Bowling Green*U	20-10

Coach: Herb Deromedi • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Chippewas • 1986 Record: W-5, L-5

CHICO STATE Chico, CA

S.12 Santa Clara*F	35-8
S.19 Sacramento St.*F	44-38
S.26 Cal Poly SLO*F	18-26
O.10 Cal.-Davis*U	30-33
O.17 British Columbia*F	
O.24 Humboldt St.*F	42-0
O.31 St. Mary's, Cal.*F	23-21
N. 7 San Francisco St.*F	48-0
N.14 Hayward St.*F	47-21
N.21 Sonoma St.*F	34-13

Coach: Mike Bellotti • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-7, L-3

CINCINNATI Cincinnati, OH

S. 5 Rutgers*U	28-48
S.12 Louisville*F	24-17
S.19 Penn State*U	17-23
S.26 Miami (O)*F	45-38
O.10 East Carolina*U	32-19
O.17 West Virginia*U	
O.24 Miami (FL)*U	13-45
O.31 Tennessee Tech*F	
N. 7 Indiana State*F	46-14
N.14 Austin Peay*F	
N.21 Virginia Tech*U	24-20

Coach: Dave Currey • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Bearcats • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

CITADEL Charleston, SC

S. 5 Wofford*F	20-6
S.12 Georgia Tech*U	
S.19 Presbyterian*F	15-13
S.26 Army*U	
O.10 VMI*F	30-47
O.17 Tenn.-Chattanooga*U	7-42
O.24 East Tennessee State*U	9-35
O.31 Western Carolina*U	12-27
N. 7 Boston University*U	
N.14 Appalachian State*U	10-33
N.21 Furman*U	14-37

Coach: Charlie Taaffe • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

CLEMSON Clemson, SC

S. 5 Western Carolina*F	
S.12 Virginia Tech*F	
S.19 Georgia*U	31-28
S.26 Georgia Tech*F	27-3
O.10 Virginia*F	31-17
O.17 Duke*F	35-3
O.17 North Carolina State*F	3-27
O.31 Wake Forest*F	28-20
N. 7 North Carolina*F	38-10
N.14 Maryland*F	17-17
N.21 South Carolina*F	21-21

Coach: Danny Ford • Colors: Orange & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-8, L-2

COLGATE Hamilton, NY

S. 5 Duke*U	
S.12 Bucknell*F	39-40
S.19 William & Mary*U	21-42
O.26 Cornell*U	12-21
O. 3 Holy Cross*U	12-16
O.10 Lehigh*F	39-41
O.17 Army*U	
O.24 Syracuse*U	
O.31 Lafayette*F	42-7
N. 7 Princeton*F	
N.14 Boston U.*U	17-45

Coach: Fred Dunlap • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Red Raiders • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

COLORADO Boulder, CO

S.12 Oregon*F	30-32
S.19 Stanford*U	
S.26 Washington State*F	
O. 3 Colorado State*F	7-23
O.10 Oklahoma State*F	31-14
O.17 Kansas*F	17-10
O.24 Oklahoma*U	0-28
O.31 Iowa State*F	31-3
N. 7 Missouri*F	17-12
N.14 Nebraska*U	20-10
N.21 Kansas State*F	49-3

Coach: Bill McCartney • Colors: Silver, Gold & Black
 Nickname: Buffaloes • 1986 Record: W-6, L-6

COLORADO STATE Fort Collins, CO

S. 5 Tennessee*U	
S.12 Texas Tech*U	
S.19 Texas-El Paso*F	19-21
S.26 Air Force*U	7-24
O. 3 Colorado*U	23-7
O.10 Utah*F	28-38
O.24 New Mexico*U	32-27
O.31 Wyoming*U	20-15
N. 7 Hawaii*U	31-7
N.21 San Diego State*U	26-27
N.28 SW Louisiana*F	
D. 5 Brigham Young*U	24-20
(A Melbourne, Australia)	

Coach: Leon Fuller • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Rams • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

COLUMBIA New York, NY

S.19 Harvard*U	
S.26 Lafayette*U	21-26
O. 3 Pennsylvania*U	7-42
O.10 Princeton*U	14-20
O.17 Yale*U	0-47
O.24 Bucknell*F	
O.31 Lehigh*U	
N. 7 Dartmouth*U	0-41
N.14 Cornell*U	0-28
N.21 Brown*U	7-45

Coach: Larry McElravy • Colors: Columbia Blue & White • Nickname: Lions, Light Blue
 1986 Record: W-0, L-10

CONNECTICUT Storrs, CT

S.12 Southern Connecticut*F	
S.19 Northeastern*F	26-20
S.26 Yale*F	17-12
O. 3 Richmond*U	29-22
O.10 Boston University*F	24-7
O.17 Massachusetts*U	20-17
O.24 Maine*F	35-19
O.31 Villanova*F	
N. 7 Delaware*U	7-35
N.14 Rhode Island*F	21-14
N.21 New Hampshire*F	19-42

Coach: Tom Jackson • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Huskies • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3

CORNELL Ithaca, NY

S.19 Pennsylvania*U	21-31
S.26 Colgate*F	21-12
O. 3 Lafayette*F	22-33
O.10 Harvard*F	3-0
O.17 Brown*F	27-9
O.24 Dartmouth*F	10-7
O.31 Bucknell*F	16-3
N. 7 Yale*F	15-0
N.14 Columbia*F	28-0
N.21 Princeton*F	39-8

Coach: Maxie Baughan • Colors: Camelion & White
 Nickname: Big Red • 1986 Record: W-8, L-2

DARTMOUTH Hanover, NH

S.19 Princeton*F	28-6
S.26 New Hampshire*U	12-66
O. 3 Davidson*F	
O.10 Holy Cross*U	7-48
O.17 Harvard*F	26-42
O.24 Cornell*U	7-10
O.31 Yale*U	39-13
N. 7 Columbia*F	41-0
N.14 Brown*U	21-21
N.21 Pennsylvania*U	7-21

Coach: Buddy Teevens • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Big Green • 1986 Record: W-3, L-6, T-1

DAVIDSON Davidson, NC

S. 5 Presbyterian*U	
S.12 Lehigh*U	
S.19 Bucknell*U	7-27
S.26 Princeton*U	
O. 3 Dartmouth*U	
O.10 Wrigale*F	
O.17 Lafayette*U	14-51
O.24 Wofford*U	10-20
O.31 Furman*U	0-59
N. 7 W. Virginia Tech*F	
N.14 Catawba*U	28-51
(A Charlotte, NC)	

Coach: Vic Gallo • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-0, L-9

DAYTON Dayton, OH

S.12 Wayne St.*F	
S.19 St. Norbert*F	49-21
S.26 Butler*F	17-16
O. 3 Adrian*F	
O.10 DePaul*F	27-17
O.17 Mercyhurst*F	30-7
O.24 Frostburg St.*F	54-0
O.31 St. Joseph (IN)*F	
N. 7 Drake*F	
N.14 Ithaca*F	

Coach: Mike Kelly • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Flyers • 1986 Record: W-10, L-1

DELAWARE Newark, DE

S.12 Rhode Island*F	44-10
S.19 West Chester*F	33-31
S.26 Richmond*F	20-19
O. 3 New Hampshire*F	21-28
O.10 Massachusetts*F	41-13
O.17 William & Mary*U	18-24
O.24 Lehigh*F	28-17
O.31 Maine*F	34-31
N. 7 Connecticut*F	35-7
N.14 Navy*U	27-14
N.21 Boston University*F	35-45

Coach: Harold Raymond • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Blue Hens • 1986 Record: W-9, L-4

DELAWARE STATE Dover, DE

S. 5 Boise State*U	
S.19 Morgan State*F	40-12
O. 3 Bethune-Cookman*F	34-17
O.10 Clark*F	
O.17 Akron*U	
O.24 Towson State*U	10-6
O.31 South Carolina State*F	
N. 7 North Carolina A & T*U	17-20
N.14 Arkansas*U	
N.21 Howard*U	18-27

Coach: Bill Collick • Colors: Columbia Blue & Red
 Nickname: Hornets • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

DUKE Durham, NC

S. 5 Colgate*F	
S.12 Northwestern*U	17-6
S.19 Vanderbilt*U	18-24
S.26 Virginia*F	20-13
O. 3 Rutgers*U	
O.17 Clemson*U	3-35
O.24 Maryland*U	19-27
O.31 Georgia Tech*U	6-34
N. 7 Wake Forest*F	38-36
N.14 North Carolina State*F	15-29
N.21 North Carolina*U	35-42
(A East Rutherford, NJ)	

Coach: Steve Spurrier • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Blue Devils • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

EAST CAROLINA Greenville, NC

S. 5 North Carolina State*U	10-38
S.12 Florida State*U	
S.19 Illinois*U	
S.26 Georgia Southern*U	35-33
O. 3 West Virginia*U	21-24
O.10 Cincinnati*F	32-19
O.17 Virginia Tech*U	
O.24 South Carolina*U	3-38
O.31 Miami (FL)*U	10-36
N. 7 Temple*U	28-45
N.14 Southern Mississippi*U	21-23

Coach: Art Baker • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Pirates • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Johnson City, TN	
S. 5 William & Mary*U	
S.12 Wofford College*F	52-3
S.19 Tenn.-Chattanooga*F	18-17
S.26 Western Carolina*F	16-43
O.10 Furman*U	25-13
O.17 Marshall*U	19-34
O.24 Citadel*F	35-9
O.31 Appalachian St.*U	14-40
N. 7 North Carolina St.*U	
N.14 VMI*F	31-20
N.21 James Madison*U	3-34

Coach: Mike Ayers • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Buccaneers • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

EAST TEXAS STATE Commerce, TX

S. 3 Livingston*F	9-2
S.12 East Central Oklahoma*F	
S.19 Southern Arkansas*F	10-21
S.26 Arkansas St.*U	0-44
O. 3 SW Oklahoma*U	9-19
O.17 Texas A & I*U	0-42
O.24 West Texas St.*U	19-49
O.31 Eastern N.M.*U	6-21
N. 7 Abilene Christian*U	12-20
N.14 Angelo St.*U	16-43
N.21 Central Oklahoma St.*U	

Coach: Eddie Vowell • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Lions • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

EASTERN ILLINOIS Charleston, IL

S. 5 San Jose State*U	
S.12 NE Missouri*F	41-31
S.19 Illinois State*F	20-23
S.26 Liberty*F	40-15
O. 3 Akron*F	
O.10 Western Illinois*F	37-3
O.17 Indiana State*F	31-14
O.24 SW Missouri State*F	
O.31 Northern Iowa*U	31-30
N. 7 Southern Illinois*F	52-7
N.14 W. Kentucky*F	35-18

Coach: Bob Spoo • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Panthers • 1986 Record: W-10, L-1

EASTERN KENTUCKY Richmond, KY

S.12 Tenn.-Chattanooga*F	23-3
S.19 Marshall*F	13-13
S.26 Central Florida*F	51-24
O. 3 Western KY*U	10-24
O.10 Murray St.*F	15-17
O.17 Middle Tenn.*F	28-3
O.24 Youngstown St.*F	38-17
O.31 Austin Peay*F	27-17
N. 7 Tenn. Tech*F	42-14
N.21 Morehead St.*F	23-6

Coach: Ray Kidd • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Colonels • 1986 Record: W-8, L-2

EASTERN MICHIGAN Ypsilanti, MI

S. 5 Youngstown State + F	18-17
S.12 Miami (OH) U	20-34
S.19 Akron U	24-21
S.26 Kent State U	16-20
O. 3 Northern Illinois + U	14-21
O.10 Central Michigan U	34-16
O.17 Ball State + U	14-7
O.24 Western Michigan F	21-14
O.31 Ohio University + F	33-31
N. 7 Toledo U	18-23
N.14 Bowling Green + U	10-24

Coach: Jim Harkema • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Hurons • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

EASTERN WASHINGTON Cheney, WA

S. 5 Augustana S.D. + F	
S.12 Nevada-Reno + U	22-56
S.19 Idaho St. + F	34-7
S.21 Montana St. F	27-14
O. 3 Stephen F. Austin F	
O.10 Boise St. + U	21-19
O.17 Illinois St. + F	
O.24 Idaho U	10-27
O.31 Northern Arizona + U	28-6
N. 7 Weber St. F	41-31
N.14 Montana + U	37-42

Coach: Dick Zorne • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Eagles • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

FLORIDA Gainesville, FL

S. 5 Miami U	15-23
S.12 Tulsa + F	
S.19 Alabama U	7-21
S.26 Mississippi State + F	10-16
O. 3 Louisiana State + F	17-28
O.10 Cal State-Fullerton + F	
O.17 Temple + F	
O.31 Auburn U	18-17
N. 7 Georgia# U	31-19
N.14 Kentucky + F	3-10
N.28 Florida State + U	17-13
# Jacksonville, FL	

Coach: Galen Hall • Colors: Orange & Blue
 Nickname: Gators • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

FLORIDA A & M Tallahassee, FL

S. 5 Tuskegee + F	17-9
S.12 Georgia Southern U	12-35
S.19 Mississippi Valley + F	
S.26 Tennessee State U	12-34
O. 3 Alabama State + F	
O.17 Central State (OH)* U	3-41
O.24 South Carolina State F	26-3
O.31 Alcorn State F	33-30
N. 7 Southern University + F	14-30
N.14 Central Florida + F	
N.28 Bethune-Cookman U	16-6

Coach: Ken Riley • Colors: Orange & Green
 Nickname: Rattlers • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee, FL

S. 5 Texas Tech + F	
S.12 East Carolina* F	
S.19 Memphis State + F	
S.26 Michigan State F	
O. 3 Miami + T	23-41
O.10 Southern Mississippi F	49-13
O.17 Louisville + F	54-18
O.31 Tulane + F	54-21
N. 7 Auburn U	
N.14 Furman + F	
N.28 Florida F	13-17

Coach: Bobby Bowden • Colors: Garnet & Gold
 Nickname: Seminoles • 1986 Record: W-6, L-4, T-1

FRESNO STATE Fresno, CA

S. 5 Washington St. F	
S.12 Western Illinois + F	
S.19 UCLA U	
O. 1 Long Beach St. + F	25-12
O.10 Southern Illinois + F	
O.17 San Jose St. + U	41-45
O.21 Pacific, Cal. F	10-9
O.31 Nevada-Las Vegas + F	36-7
N. 7 Fullerton St. + F	30-20
N.14 Utah St. F	14-7
N.21 New Mexico St. F	17-14

Coach: Jim Sweeney • Colors: Cardinal & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1986 Record: W-9, L-2

FULLERTON, CAL STATE Fullerton, CA

S. 5 Hawaii U	15-26
S.12 Louisiana State* U	
S.19 Cal State Long Beach + U	20-30
S.26 Utah State U	33-0
O. 3 San Jose State U	24-48
O.10 Florida U	
O.17 Nevada-Las Vegas + U	23-40
O.24 Northern Illinois F	
O.31 New Mexico State + F	21-24
N. 7 Fresno State U	20-30
N.14 Pacific + F	39-38
N.21 Montana + U	

Coach: Gene Murphy • Colors: Blue, Orange & White
 Nickname: Titans • 1986 Record: W-3, L-9

FURMAN Greenville, SC

S. 5 South Carolina State* F	34-7
S.12 Presbyterian + F	45-31
S.19 Western Carolina* F	13-19
S.26 Tenn.-Chattanooga + F	21-10
O. 3 Marshall + U	38-10
O.10 East Tenn. St. + F	13-25
O.17 Appalachian St. + U	17-17
O.31 Davidson + F	39-0
N. 7 Va. Military + F	54-3
N.14 Florida St.* U	
N.21 Citadel F	37-14

Coach: Jimmy Satterfield • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Paladins • 1986 Record: W-7, L-3, T-2

GEORGIA Athens, GA

S. 5 Virginia + F	
S.12 Oregon State + F	
S.19 Clemson T	28-31
S.26 South Carolina + F	31-26
O. 3 Mississippi F	14-10
O.10 Louisiana State + U	14-23
O.17 Vanderbilt* F	38-16
O.24 Kentucky + F	31-9
N. 7 Florida F	19-31
N.14 Auburn + U	20-16
N.28 Georgia Tech F	31-24

Coach: Vince Dooley • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3

GEORGIA SOUTHERN Statesboro, GA

S. 5 Calabaw + F	
S.12 Florida A & M* F	35-12
S.19 Middle Tenn. + F	34-31
S.26 East Carolina F	33-35
O. 3 Central Florida + F	33-23
O.10 Bethune-Cookman* F	52-31
O.17 Northeast Louisiana* F	
O.24 Western Carolina F	
O.31 Western Ky. + F	49-32
N. 7 James Madison + F	45-35
N.21 South Carolina St. F	28-7
(*) Jacksonville, FL	

Coach: Erskine Russell • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Eagles • 1986 Record: W-13, L-2

GEORGIA TECH Atlanta, GA

S.12 Citadel + F	
S.19 North Carolina + F	20-21
S.26 Clemson U	3-27
O. 3 North Carolina State F	59-21
O.10 Indiana State + F	
O.17 Auburn + U	10-31
O.24 Tennessee U	14-13
O.31 Duke F	34-6
N. 7 Virginia + F	28-14
N.21 Wake Forest + F	21-24
N.28 Georgia + U	24-31

Coach: Bobby Ross • Colors: Old Gold & White
 Nickname: Yellow Jackets • 1986 Record: 5-5-1

GRAMBLING Grambling, LA

S. 5 Alcorn St.* F	19-17
S.12 Central St. (OH)* F	
S.26 Bethune-Cookman + F	30-24
O. 3 Prairie View* F	19-24
O.10 Tennessee St. U	10-21
O.17 Miss. Valley St. + F	10-13
O.24 Jackson St.* T	14-25
O.31 Tex. Southern + F	49-21
N. 7 Alabama St.* F	16-7
N.14 South Carolina St.* F	20-16
N. 2 Southern U., # F	30-3
(*) Shreveport, LA	
# Bronx, NY	
# New Orleans, LA	

Coach: Eddie Robinson • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

HARVARD Cambridge, MA

S.19 Columbia F	34-0
S.26 Northeastern + U	
O. 3 Bucknell + F	
O.10 Cornell U	0-3
O.17 Dartmouth + U	42-26
O.21 Princeton + U	3-14
O.31 Brown U	19-31
N. 7 Holy Cross U	0-41
N.14 Pennsylvania + U	10-17
N.21 Yale U	24-17

Coach: Joseph Restic • Colors: Crimson
 Nickname: Crimson • 1986 Record: W-3, L-7

HAWAII Honolulu, HI

S. 5 Fullerton State + F	26-15
S.12 Wisconsin U	20-17
S.26 Texas-El Paso* F	31-21
O. 3 Yale + F	
O.10 New Mexico F	27-10
O.17 Utah + F	33-13
O.24 Brigham Young + U	3-10
O.31 San Diego State + U	5-35
N. 7 Colorado State + F	7-31
N.21 Air Force + U	17-24
N.28 Wyoming + U	35-19
D. 5 Arkansas + U	

Coach: Bob Wagner • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Rainbows, Rainbow Warriors • 1986 Record: W-7, L-5

HAYWARD, CAL. ST. Hayward, CA

S.12 St. Mary's, Cal. F	34-7
S.19 Santa Clara* F	31-12
S.26 Cal Lutheran U	29-17
O. 3 Northridge St. + U	7-20
O.10 Cal Poly SLO + U	17-14
O.17 Sonoma St. + F	37-10
O.24 Cal.-Davis U	14-24
O.31 Humboldt St. + F	24-22
N.14 Chico St. + U	21-47
N.21 San Francisco St. F	20-14

Coach: Tim Tierney • Colors: Red, Black & White
 Nickname: Pioneers • 1986 Record: W-7, L-3

HOLY CROSS Worcester, MA

S.12 Army F	17-14
S.19 Lafayette + F	38-14
S.26 Lehigh F	17-14
O. 3 Colgate + F	16-12
O.10 Dartmouth F	48-7
O.17 Bucknell F	17-10
O.24 Brown + F	22-7
O.31 Massachusetts F	41-7
N. 7 Harvard + F	41-0
N.14 William & Mary + F	31-7
N.21 Villanova F	

Coach: Mark Duffner • Colors: Royal Purple
 Nickname: Crusaders • 1986 Record: W-10, L-1

HOUSTON Houston, TX

S.12 Oklahoma State + U	28-12
S.26 Sam Houston St. + F	
O. 3 Baylor + U	13-27
O.10 Texas A & M U	7-19
O.24 Arkansas U	13-30
O.31 Texas Christian U	14-30
N. 7 Texas + U	10-30
N.14 Temple U	
N.21 Texas Tech + U	7-34
N.28 Rice F	13-14

Coach: Jack Pardee • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Cougars • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

HOWARD Washington, DC

S.12 Newberry College + F	
S.19 Bethune-Cookman F	6-30
S.26 South Carolina State + F	23-44
O.10 Towson State U	
O.17 Virginia State + F	28-13
O.24 North Carolina A&T F	42-10
O.31 Norfolk State + F	38-13
N. 7 Morehouse + F	49-14
N.14 Morgan F	60-6
N.21 Delaware State F	27-18

Coach: Willie Jeffries • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Bison • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3

HOWARD PAYNE Brownwood, TX

S. 5 Austin College + F	
S.12 Tarleton St. + F	21-22
S.26 Sul Ross St. + F	
O. 3 McMurry* F	
O.10 SW Oklahoma* U	20-28
O.17 Sul Ross St. F	
O.24 Texas Lutheran* U	0-9
O.31 Pan Handle St. + F	
N.14 Texas Lutheran + U	

Coach: Jerry Millsaps • Colors: Gold & Blue
 Nickname: Yellow Jackets • 1986 Record: W-0, L-10

HUMBOLDT STATE Arcata, CA

S.12 Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo* U	
S.19 Menlo College + F	22-24
O. 3 Portland State* U	16-27
O.10 CSU - Sacramento* U	17-45
O.17 St. Mary's + F	14-10
O.24 CSU-Chico* U	0-42
O.31 CSU-Hayward U	22-24
N. 7 Sonoma State* F	17-24
N.14 San Francisco State + F	12-28
N.21 U.C. Davis U	28-45

Coach: Mike Doty • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: The Jack Attack • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

IDAHO Moscow, ID

S. 5 Marikato St. + F	
S.12 Central Mich. + F	21-34
S.19 Portland St.* F	42-10
S.26 Northern Arizona* F	0-24
O. 3 Idaho St.* F	38-26
O.10 Montana + F	38-31
O.17 Nevada-Reno + U	13-17
O.24 Eastern Wash. + F	27-10
O.31 Weber St.* F	31-17
N. 7 Montana St.* F	44-17
N.21 Boise St.* F	21-14

Coach: Keith Gilbertson • Colors: Silver & Gold
 Nickname: Vandals • 1986 Record: W-7, L-5

IDAHO STATE Pocatello, ID

S.12 Texas A&I + U	
S.19 Eastern Washington U	7-34
S.26 Utah* T	
O. 3 Idaho + U	26-38
O.10 Portland State + U	
O.17 Northern Arizona + U	17-31
O.24 Boise State* U	25-6
O.31 Nevada-Reno U	14-44
N. 7 Montana U	13-57
N.14 Montana State + U	27-50
N.21 Weber State + U	33-63

Coach: Jim Koeller • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Bengals • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

ILLINOIS Champaign, IL

S. 5 North Carolina F	
S.12 Arizona State + U	
S.19 East Carolina + F	
O. 3 Ohio State + U	0-14
O.10 Purdue F	34-27
O.17 Wisconsin + F	9-15
O.24 Michigan State U	21-29
O.31 Minnesota + F	
N. 7 Indiana U	21-16
N.14 Michigan + U	13-69
N.21 Northwestern F	18-23

Coach: Mike White • Colors: Orange & Blue
 Nickname: Fighting Illini • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

ILLINOIS STATE Normal, IL

S.12 Western Michigan + F	
S.19 Eastern Illinois* U	23-20
S.26 Southern Illinois* F	3-20
O. 3 Western Illinois + F	17-7
O.17 Eastern Washington U	
O.24 Indiana State + F	38-28
O.31 SW Missouri State F	16-17
N. 7 Northern Michigan + F	
N.21 Northern Iowa* U	13-22

Coach: Bob Oltowski • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Redbirds • 1986 Record: W-5, L-5

INDIANA Bloomington, IN

S 12 Rice + F	
S 19 Kentucky F	
S 26 Missouri + F	41-24
O 3 Northwestern + F	24-7
O 10 Ohio State U	22-24
O 17 Minnesota F	17-19
O 24 Michigan + U	14-38
O 31 Iowa U	
N 7 Illinois + F	16-21
N 14 Michigan State U	17-14
N 21 Purdue + F	15-17

Coach: Bill Mallory • Colors: Cream & Crimson
 Nickname: Hoosiers • 1986 Record: W-6, L-6

INDIANA STATE Terre Haute, IN

S 5 Salem + *F	
S 12 Boston University + * U	
S 19 Western Illinois U	
S 26 Northern Iowa + U	10-45
O 3 SW Missouri State F	14-10
O 10 Georgia Tech U	
O 17 Eastern Illinois U	14-31
O 24 Illinois State U	28-38
O 31 Southern Illinois + U	14-16
N 7 Cincinnati + U	14-46
N 21 Ball State + U	3-16

Coach: Dennis Raetz • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Sycamores • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

IOWA Iowa City, IA

A 30 Tennessee F	
S 12 Arizona F	
S 19 Iowa State F	43-7
S 26 Kansas State + F	
O 3 Michigan State + F	24-21
O 10 Wisconsin F	17-6
O 17 Michigan U	17-20
O 24 Purdue + F	42-14
O 31 Indiana + F	
N 7 Northwestern F	27-20
N 14 Ohio State U	10-31
N 21 Minnesota + F	30-27
(*) East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Hayden Fry • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Hawkeyes • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3

IOWA STATE Ames, IA

S 12 Tulane U	
S 19 Iowa + U	7-43
S 26 Wyoming T	21-10
O 3 Oklahoma + U	0-38
O 10 Northern Iowa + F	
O 17 Missouri + U	37-14
O 24 Kansas F	13-10
O 31 Colorado + U	3-31
N 7 Nebraska U	14-35
N 14 Kansas State + F	48-19
N 21 Oklahoma State U	14-21

Coach: Jim Walden • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
 Nickname: Cyclones • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

JACKSON STATE Jackson, MS

S 12 Tennessee St U	10-20
S 19 Prairie View F	32-24
S 26 Miss. Valley St F	26-8
O 3 North Carolina Central + * F	49-37
O 10 Alabama St + * F	26-20
O 17 Southern U + * F	16-9
O 24 Grambling + * T	25-14
O 31 Southern Mississippi U	
N 7 Texas Southern F	37-7
N 14 NW Louisiana F	
N 21 Alcorn St + * F	23-17

Coach: W.C. Gordon • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3

JAMES MADISON Harrisonburg, VA

S 5 Rhode Island + * F	
S 12 Appalachian St U	20-21
S 19 Morehead St + * F	24-21
S 26 Massachusetts F	14-16
O 10 Richmond + F	
O 17 Va. Military F	39-7
O 24 William & Mary U	42-33
O 31 Towson St + F	7-7
N 7 Georgia Southern U	35-45
N 14 Northeastern + F	15-2
N 21 East Tenn. St F	34-3

Coach: Joe Purzycki • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Dukes • 1986 Record: W-5, L-5

KANSAS Lawrence, KS

S 12 Auburn U	
S 19 Kent State + F	
S 26 Louisiana Tech + U	
O 3 Southern Illinois + F	35-23
O 10 Nebraska U	0-70
O 17 Colorado U	10-17
O 24 Iowa State + U	10-13
O 31 Oklahoma + U	3-64
N 7 Kansas State U	12-9
N 14 Oklahoma State + U	6-24
N 21 Missouri U	0-48

Coach: Bob Valesente • Colors: Crimson & Blue
 Nickname: Jayhawks • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

KANSAS STATE Manhattan, KS

S 5 Austin Peay State + * F	
S 19 Army + * U	
S 26 Iowa U	
O 3 Tulsa + U	
O 10 Missouri U	6-17
O 17 Oklahoma + U	10-56
O 24 Nebraska U	38-0
O 31 Oklahoma State U	3-23
N 7 Kansas + F	29-12
N 14 Iowa State U	19-48
N 21 Colorado + U	3-49

Coach: Stan Parrish • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

KENT STATE Kent, OH

S 12 Akron U	7-17
S 19 Kansas U	
S 26 Eastern Michigan + F	20-16
O 3 Central Michigan + F	33-30
O 10 Ball State F	17-26
O 17 Western Michigan + F	7-27
O 24 Ohio University F	17-13
O 31 Toledo + F	18-16
N 7 Bowling Green U	15-31
N 14 Miami (OH) + F	24-23
N 21 Pittsburgh U	

Coach: Glen Mason • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Flashes • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

KENTUCKY Lexington, KY

S 12 Utah State + F	
S 19 Indiana + U	
S 26 Rutgers U	16-16
O 3 Ohio University + F	
O 10 Mississippi + * U	
O 17 Louisiana State U	16-25
O 24 Georgia U	9-31
O 31 Virginia Tech + * U	
N 7 Vanderbilt F	34-22
N 14 Florida U	10-3
N 21 Tennessee + U	9-28
(*) E. Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Jerry Claiborne • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

LAFAYETTE Easton, PA

S 12 Kutztown + F	17-6
S 19 Holy Cross U	14-38
S 26 Columbia + F	26-21
O 3 Cornell U	33-22
O 10 Bucknell + F	52-34
O 17 Davidson + F	51-14
O 24 New Hampshire U	16-20
O 31 Colgate + U	7-42
N 7 Pennsylvania + U	14-42
N 14 Army U	48-56
N 21 Lehigh U	28-23

Coach: Bill Russo • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Leopards • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

LAMAR Beaumont, TX

S 5 Rice U	15-28
S 12 Northern Illinois F	
S 19 Texas Tech U	
S 26 Stephen F. Austin + U	25-38
O 3 Texas A & I U	10-35
O 10 Northeast Louisiana + U	21-22
O 17 Texas - El Paso U	
O 24 Sam Houston State + U	13-24
O 31 Southwest Texas State U	17-3
N 14 Arkansas State + U	7-56
N 21 McNeese State + U	7-38

Coach: Ray Alborn • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Cardinals • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

LEHIGH Bethlehem, PA

S 12 Davidson + F	
S 19 Navy U	0-41
S 26 Holy Cross + U	14-17
O 3 William & Mary U	34-44
O 10 Colgate U	41-39
O 17 Princeton F	48-28
O 24 Delaware + U	17-28
O 31 Columbia F	
N 7 Brown + F	
N 14 Bucknell F	17-7
N 21 Lafayette + F	23-28

Coach: Hank Small • Colors: Brown & White
 Nickname: Engineers • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

LONG BEACH STATE Long Beach, CA

S 5 Montana State + F	
S 12 Weber State + F	
S 19 Cal State Fullerton F	30-20
S 26 Michigan U	
O 1 Fresno State U	12-25
O 10 Pacific F	38-21
O 17 New Mexico State + F	38-7
O 24 San Diego State U	24-27
N 7 Nevada - Las Vegas U	8-31
N 14 San Jose State + U	14-38
N 21 Utah State + F	14-3

Coach: Larry Reisbig • Colors: Brown & Gold
 Nickname: Forty-Niners • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

LOUISIANA STATE Baton Rouge, LA

S 5 Texas A & M T	35-17
S 12 Cal - State Fullerton + * F	
S 19 Rice + * F	
S 26 Ohio State + * U	
O 3 Florida + * F	28-17
O 10 Georgia F	23-14
O 17 Kentucky + * F	25-16
O 31 Mississippi F	19-21
N 7 Alabama + F	14-10
N 14 Mississippi State + * F	47-0
N 21 Tulane F	37-17

Coach: Mike Archer • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Fighting Tigers • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3

LOUISIANA TECH Ruston, LA

S 5 Baylor U	7-38
S 12 Northeast Louisiana + * F	6-20
S 19 Mississippi State U	
S 26 Kansas F	
O 3 Tennessee-Chattanooga F	
O 10 McNeese State + * F	28-16
O 17 Arkansas State U	17-20
O 24 Northwestern State (*) F	13-13
O 31 Texas A & M U	
N 14 Southwest Missouri State + F	
N 21 North Texas State F	17-10
(*) Shreveport, LA	

Coach: Carl Torbush • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1986 Record: W-6, L-4, T-1

LOUISVILLE Louisville, KY

S 5 Tulane + U	23-12
S 12 Cincinnati + * U	17-14
S 19 Purdue U	
S 26 Murray State + * F	
O 3 Southern Mississippi + * U	16-31
O 10 Marshall + * F	
O 17 Florida State U	18-54
O 24 Akron + F	
O 31 Tulsa U	
N 7 Tennessee U	
N 14 Memphis State F	34-8

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger • Colors: Red, Black & White
 Nickname: Cardinals • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

MAINE Orono, ME

S 5 AIC + F	33-7
S 12 Massachusetts U	13-23
S 19 Rhode Island U	34-14
S 26 Boston University + U	23-26
O 3 Towson State + U	
O 10 Northeastern U	38-21
O 17 Richmond + U	26-11
O 24 Connecticut + U	19-35
O 31 Delaware U	31-34
N 7 New Hampshire + U	14-13

Coach: Tim Murphy • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Black Bears • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

MANKATO STATE Mankato, MN

S 5 Idaho U	
S 19 St. Cloud St + * F	17-21
S 26 Neb. - Omaha + F	45-0
O 3 Northern Colo. F	22-13
O 10 North Dakota + F	43-10
O 17 North Dakota St U	7-48
O 24 South Dakota + U	10-16
O 31 Morningside F	24-3
N 7 Augustana S.D. + F	13-10
N 14 South Dakota St F	21-7

Coach: Dan Runkle • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Mavericks
 1986 Record: W-6, L-4, T-1

MARSHALL Huntington, WV

S 5 Morehead State + F	10-19
S 12 Ohio University F	21-7
S 19 Eastern Kentucky U	13-13
S 26 Youngstown State + F	
O 3 Furman F	10-38
O 10 Louisville U	
O 17 E. Tennessee State + F	34-19
O 24 VMI + F	16-9
O 31 UT-Chattanooga F	41-20
N 7 Appalachian State U	17-27
N 14 Western Carolina + F	20-33

Coach: George Chaump • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Thundering Herd
 1986 Record: W-6, L-4, T-1

MARYLAND College Park, MD

S 5 Syracuse U	
S 12 Virginia + F	42-10
S 19 West Virginia + F	24-3
S 26 North Carolina State F	16-28
O 10 Miami U	
O 17 Wake Forest F	21-27
O 24 Duke + F	27-19
O 31 North Carolina + U	30-32
N 7 Penn State (*) U	15-17
N 14 Clemson U	17-17
N 21 Vanderbilt F	35-21
(*) Memorial Stadium, Baltimore, MD	

Coach: Joe Kneak • Colors: Red, White, Black & Gold • Nickname: Terps
 1986 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

MASSACHUSETTS Amherst, MA

S 12 Maine + F	23-13
S 19 Richmond U	24-21
S 26 James Madison U	16-14
O 3 Rhode Island + F	31-17
O 10 Delaware U	13-41
O 17 Connecticut F	17-20
O 24 Boston University + F	34-25
O 31 Holy Cross + U	7-41
N 7 Villanova F	
N 14 New Hampshire F	38-31
N 21 Northeastern F	31-28

Coach: Jim Reid • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Minutemen • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3

MCNEESE STATE Lake Charles, LA

S 5 Northern Iowa + * U	38-55
S 12 Northwest Louisiana F	3-9
S 19 Stephen F. Austin + * F	
S 26 North Texas State + * U	13-21
O 3 Arkansas State + * U	14-23
O 10 Louisiana Tech U	16-28
O 24 New Mexico State F	
O 31 Northeast Louisiana U	17-37
N 7 Southwest Texas State + * F	9-13
N 14 Nichols State + U	10-34
N 21 Lamar F	38-7

Coach: Sonny Jackson • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Cowboys • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

MEMPHIS STATE Memphis, TN

S 5 Mississippi + * U	6-28
S 12 Vanderbilt U	22-21
S 19 Florida State U	
O 3 Mississippi State U	17-34
O 10 Alabama + U	0-37
O 17 Tulane + * U	6-15
O 24 Southern Mississippi + * U	9-14
O 31 Arkansas State + U	10-30
N 7 Southwest Louisiana U	10-26
N 14 Louisville + U	8-34
N 21 Tulsa U	

Coach: Charles Bailey • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

MIAMI Coral Gables, FL

S. 5 Florida + F	23-15
S.19 South Carolina + F	34-14
S.26 Arkansas + F	
O. 3 Florida State + F	41-23
O.10 Maryland + F	
O.24 Cincinnati + F	45-13
O.31 East Carolina F	36-10
N. 7 Miami (D) + F	
N.14 Virginia Tech + F	
N.21 Toledo + F	
N.28 Notre Dame + F	
(v Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Jimmy Johnson • Colors: Orange, Green & White • Nickname: Hurricanes
1986 Record: W-11, L-1

MIAMI Oxford, OH

S. 5 Central Michigan F	59-21
S.12 Eastern Michigan + F	34-20
S.19 Syracuse U	
S.26 Cincinnati U	38-45
O. 3 Ball State + F	45-7
O.10 Western Michigan F	17-21
O.17 Ohio University + F	34-14
O.24 Toledo F	24-8
O.31 Bowling Green + U	24-7
N. 7 Miami U	
N.14 Kent State U	23-24

Coach: Tim Rose • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Redskins • 1986 Record: W-8, L-4

MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI

S.12 Notre Dame + F	24-23
S.19 Washington State + F	
S.26 Long Beach State + F	
O. 3 Wisconsin + F	34-17
O.10 Michigan State F	27-6
O.17 Iowa + F	20-17
O.24 Indiana F	38-14
O.31 Northwestern + F	
N. 7 Minnesota F	17-20
N.14 Illinois F	69-13
N.21 Ohio State U	26-24

Coach: Bo Schembechler • Colors: Maize & Blue
Nickname: Wolverines • 1986 Record: W-11, L-2

MICHIGAN STATE East Lansing, MI

S. 7 Southern Cal + U	
S.19 Notre Dame U	20-15
S.26 Florida State + U	
O. 3 Iowa U	21-24
O.10 Michigan + U	6-27
O.17 Northwestern F	21-24
O.24 Illinois + F	29-21
O.31 Ohio State U	
N. 7 Purdue + F	37-3
N.14 Indiana + F	14-17
N.21 Wisconsin F	23-13

Coach: George Perles • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Spartans • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

MIDDLE TENNESSEE Murfreesboro, TN

S. 5 Tennessee State U	6-7
S.19 Georgia Southern U	31-34
S.26 Western Kentucky U	
O. 3 Austin Peay + F	0-7
O.10 Mississippi Valley + F	
O.17 Eastern Kentucky + U	3-28
O.31 Youngstown State + F	49-14
N. 7 Morehead State F	24-7
N.14 Murray State + F	7-21
N.21 Tennessee Tech F	21-6

Coach: Boots Donnelly • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Raiders • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

MINNESOTA Minneapolis, MN

S.12 Northern Iowa + F	
S.19 California + F	
S.26 Central Michigan + F	
O. 3 Purdue + F	36-9
O.10 Northwestern F	44-23
O.17 Indiana + U	19-17
O.24 Ohio State U	0-33
O.31 Illinois U	
N. 7 Michigan + U	20-17
N.14 Wisconsin + F	27-20
N.21 Iowa U	27-30

Coach: John Gutekunst • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Gophers • 1986 Record: W-6, L-6

MISSISSIPPI University, MS

S. 5 Memphis State F	28-6
S.12 Arkansas + F	0-21
S.19 Arkansas State + F	10-10
S.26 Tulane F	35-10
O. 3 Georgia + U	10-14
O.10 Kentucky F	33-13
O.17 Southwestern Louisiana + F	21-20
O.24 Vanderbilt + F	28-12
O.31 Louisiana State U	21-19
N.14 Tennessee U	10-22
N.21 Mississippi State F	24-3
(v Jackson, MS	

Coach: Billy Brewer • Colors: Cardinal Red & Navy Blue • Nickname: Rebels • 1986 Record: 7-3-1

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Mississippi State, MS

S. 5 SW Louisiana + F	
S.12 Tennessee + U	27-23
S.19 Louisiana Tech + F	
S.26 Florida U	16-10
O. 3 Memphis State + F	34-17
O.17 Southern Mississippi F	24-28
O.24 Auburn U	6-35
O.31 Alabama U	3-38
N. 7 Tulane + F	34-27
N.14 LSU U	0-47
N.21 Mississippi U	3-24

Coach: Rocky Felker • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY Itta Bena, MS

S. 8 Alabama A & M F	44-21
S.12 Arkansas Pine Bluff + F	
S.19 Florida A & M U	
S.26 Jackson St + U	8-26
O. 3 Southern U + U	7-28
O.10 Middle Tenn. St. U	
O.17 Grambling U	13-10
O.24 Texas Southern + F	34-34
O.31 Prairie View F	28-21
N. 7 Alcorn St. U	13-17
N.14 Alabama St. F	19-3

Coach: Ken Pettit • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Delta Devils • 1986 Record: W-4, L-4, T-1

MISSOURI Columbia, MO

S.12 Baylor + U	
S.19 Northwestern + U	
S.26 Indiana U	24-41
O. 3 Syracuse + U	9-41
O.10 Kansas State + F	17-6
O.17 Iowa State F	14-37
O.24 Oklahoma State + U	6-10
O.31 Nebraska + U	17-48
N. 7 Colorado U	12-17
N.14 Oklahoma U	0-77
N.21 Kansas + F	48-0

Coach: Woody Widenholer • Colors: Old Gold & Black • Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: 3-8

MONTANA Missoula, MT

S.12 Portland State + F	35-14
S.19 N. Arizona U	28-34
S.26 Nevada-Reno + U	17-51
O. 3 N. Iowa F	
O.10 Idaho U	31-38
O.17 Boise State + U	0-31
O.24 Weber State + F	55-29
O.31 Montana State F	59-28
N. 7 Idaho State + F	38-31
N.14 E. Washington F	42-37
N.21 Cal Fullerton F	

Coach: Don Read • Colors: Copper, Silver & Gold
Nickname: Grizzlies • 1986 Record: W-6, L-4

MONTANA STATE Bozeman, MT

S. 5 Long Beach State U	
S.12 Sam Houston State + U	6-23
S.19 Northern Iowa F	46-25
S.26 Eastern Washington + U	14-27
O. 3 Boise State U	14-31
O.10 Nevada-Reno U	10-61
O.17 Weber State + U	3-24
O.24 Northern Arizona U	27-19
O.31 Montana + U	28-59
N. 7 Idaho + U	17-44
N.14 Idaho State F	50-27

Coach: Earle Solomonson • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bobcats • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

MOREHEAD STATE Morehead, KY

S. 5 Marshall U	19-10
S.12 Kentucky St. + F	33-10
S.19 James Madison U	27-24
O. 3 Morgan St. + F	
O.10 Austin Peay F	27-10
O.17 Tenn. Tech + F	28-20
O.31 Murray St. U	11-45
N. 7 Middle Tenn. + U	7-24
N.14 Youngstown St. U	27-24
N.21 Eastern Ky. + U	6-23

Coach: Bill Baldrige • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Eagles • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

MORGAN STATE Baltimore, MD

S. 5 Virginia Union + U	10-26
S.12 Bethune-Cookman + U	9-52
S.19 Delaware State U	12-40
S.26 North Carolina A & T State U	23-40
O.10 South Carolina State + U	0-35
O.17 Towson State U	0-21
O.24 Tennessee State U	10-52
O.31 Dist. of Columbia + U	21-16
N.14 Howard + U	6-60

Coach: Jesse Thomas • Colors: Blue & Orange
Nickname: Bears • 1986 Record: W-1, L-9

MORNINGSIDE Sioux City, IA

S. 5 Northwestern Iowa + U	7-21
S.19 Northern Colo. U	7-28
S.26 North Dakota + U	21-24
O. 3 North Dakota St. U	0-63
O.10 South Dakota + U	10-33
O.17 South Dakota St. U	14-24
O.24 Augustana, S.D. U	9-17
O.31 Mankato St. + U	3-24
N. 7 St. Cloud St. U	6-16
N.14 Neb.—Omaha + U	10-9
N.21 Central Florida T	

Coach: Erv Mondt • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Chiefs • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

MURRAY STATE Murray, KY

S. 5 Tennessee-Martin + F	
S.12 Southeast Missouri + F	42-17
S.19 Western Kentucky U	10-10
S.26 Louisville U	
O.10 Eastern Kentucky U	17-15
O.24 Tennessee Tech F	23-16
O.31 Morehead State + F	45-11
N. 7 Youngstown State F	17-14
N.14 Middle Tennessee U	21-7
N.21 Austin Peay + F	24-14

Coach: Mike Mahoney • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Racers • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4, T-1

NAVY Annapolis, MD

S.12 William & Mary + T	
S.19 Lehigh + F	41-0
S.26 North Carolina + U	
O. 3 Virginia Tech U	
O.10 Air Force + U	6-40
O.17 Pennsylvania F	26-30
O.24 Pittsburgh + U	14-56
O.31 Notre Dame U	
N. 7 Syracuse + U	22-31
N.14 Delaware F	14-27
D. 5 Army (v PA	7-27
(v Philadelphia, PA	

Coach: Elliot Uzelac • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Midshipmen • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

NEBRASKA Lincoln, NE

S. 5 Utah St. + F	
S.12 UCLA + F	
S.26 Arizona St. F	
O. 3 South Carolina + F	27-24
O.10 Kansas + F	70-0
O.17 Oklahoma St. F	30-10
O.24 Kansas St. + F	38-0
O.31 Missouri F	48-17
N. 7 Iowa St. + F	35-14
N.14 Colorado F	10-20
N.21 Oklahoma + U	17-20

Coach: Tom Osborne • Colors: Scarlet & Cream
Nickname: Cornhuskers • 1986 Record: W-9, L-2

NEBRASKA-OMAHA Omaha, NE

S. 5 Wayne State + F	
S.12 Kearney State F	3-0
S.19 South Dakota + U	8-41
S.26 Mankato State U	0-45
O. 3 South Dakota State U	19-13
O.10 Northern Colorado + F	10-28
O.17 Augustana, SD + F	10-0
O.24 North Dakota F	17-14
O.31 St. Cloud State + U	24-7
N. 7 North Dakota State + U	3-25
N.14 Morrisville F	9-10

Coach: Sandy Buda • Colors: Crimson & Black
Nickname: Mavericks • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS Las Vegas, NV

S.12 SW Louisiana U	
S.19 Baylor + U	
O. 3 Nevada-Reno + U	
O.10 Utah St. + F	6-7
O.17 Fullerton St. F	40-23
O.24 San Jose St. U	20-23
O.31 Fresno St. U	7-36
N. 7 Long Beach St. + F	31-8
N.14 New Mexico St. F	58-42
N.21 Pacific + F	15-21
N.28 Northern Illinois + F	

Coach: Harvey Hyde • Colors: Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Rebels • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

NEVADA-RENO Reno, NV

S.12 Eastern Wash. F	56-22
S.19 UC-Davis + F	
S.26 Montana F	51-17
O. 3 Nevada-Las Vegas F	
O.10 Montana St. + F	61-10
O.17 Idaho F	17-13
O.24 Stephen F. Austin F	34-27
O.31 Idaho St. + F	44-14
N. 7 Boise St. + F	21-16
N.14 Weber St. + F	38-24
N.21 Northern Arizona F	27-17

Coach: Chris Aull • Colors: Silver & Blue
Nickname: Wolf Pack • 1986 Record: W-13, L-1

NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham, NH

S. 5 Richmond + U	12-38
S.19 Boston U. F	26-9
S.26 Dartmouth + F	66-12
O. 3 Delaware + U	28-21
O.17 Northeastern + U	24-21
O.24 Lafayette + F	20-16
O.31 Rhode Island U	28-24
N. 7 Maine F	13-14
N.14 Massachusetts + U	31-38
N.21 Connecticut U	42-19

Coach: Bill Bowes • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque, NM

S. 5 Utah F	47-43
S.12 New Mexico State F	45-14
S.19 Arizona U	
S.26 Brigham Young + U	30-31
O.10 Hawaii + U	10-27
O.24 Colorado State F	27-32
O.31 San Diego State + U	34-38
N. 7 Wyoming + U	25-35
N.14 Air Force + U	
N.21 Texas-El Paso F	24-22
N.28 Arkansas U	

Coach: Mike Sheppard • Colors: Cherry & Silver
Nickname: Lobos • 1986 Record: W-4, L-8

NEW MEXICO STATE Las Cruces, NM

S. 5 Texas-El Paso U	33-47
S.12 New Mexico + U	14-45
S.26 Angelo State + U	14-20
O. 3 Pacific U	14-41
O.10 San Jose State U	7-45
O.17 Long Beach State U	7-38
O.24 McNeese State + U	
O.31 Fullerton State U	24-21
N. 7 Utah State + U	9-42
N.14 Nevada-Las Vegas + U	42-58
N.21 Fresno State + U	14-17

Coach: Mike Knoll • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Aggies • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

NICHOLLS STATE Thibodaux, LA

S. 5 St. Cloud St. + F	
S. 12 Troy St. + F	26-25
S. 19 SW Missouri F	
S. 26 NE Louisiana F	17-13
O. 3 Alcorn St. + U	
O. 10 Southern U. F	17-10
O. 17 Stephen F. Austin + F	14-10
O. 24 SW Texas St. + F	35-21
O. 31 Akron U	
N. 7 NW Louisiana + F	13-28
N. 14 McNeese St. F	34-10

Coach: William Jackson • Colors: Red & Gray
 Nickname: Colonels • 1986 Record: W-10, L-3

NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill, NC

S. 5 Illinois + U	
S. 12 Oklahoma U	
S. 19 Georgia Tech U	
S. 26 Navy F	
O. 3 Auburn + U	
O. 10 Wake Forest + F	40-30
O. 17 North Carolina State F	34-35
O. 31 Maryland F	32-30
N. 7 Clemson + U	10-38
N. 14 Virginia F	27-7
N. 21 Duke + F	42-35

Coach: Dick Crum • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Tar Heels • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4, T-1

NORTH CAROLINA A&T Greensboro, NC

S. 12 Winston-Salem F	28-21
S. 19 South Carolina State F	34-11
S. 26 Morgan State + F	40-23
O. 3 Norfolk State + F	
O. 10 J.C. Smith + F	35-3
O. 17 Western Carolina F	
O. 24 Howard + U	10-42
O. 31 Bethune-Cookman F	30-24
N. 7 Delaware State F	20-17
N. 14 NC Central + F	35-12
N. 21 Western Kentucky + U	

Coach: Mo Forte • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Aggies • 1986 Record: W-9, L-3, T-1

NORTH CAROLINA STATE Raleigh, NC

S. 5 East Carolina + F	38-10
S. 12 Pittsburgh U	14-14
S. 19 Wake Forest F	42-38
S. 26 Maryland + U	21-16
O. 3 Georgia Tech + U	21-59
O. 17 North Carolina + U	35-34
O. 24 Clemson U	27-3
O. 31 South Carolina U	23-22
N. 7 East Tennessee State + F	
N. 14 Duke U	29-15
N. 21 Virginia + F	16-20

Coach: Dick Sheridan • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Wolfpack • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3, T-1

NORTH DAKOTA Grand Forks, ND

S. 5 NW Missouri + U	28-38
S. 19 Augustana, S.D. + U	10-19
S. 26 Morningside F	24-21
O. 3 St. Cloud St. + U	24-13
O. 10 Mankato St. U	10-43
O. 17 Northern Colo. U	33-36
O. 24 Neb.-Omaha + U	14-17
O. 31 South Dakota St. U	21-52
N. 7 South Dakota + U	12-28
N. 14 North Dakota St. U	13-62

Coach: Roger Thomas • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Sioux • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

NORTH DAKOTA STATE Fargo, ND

S. 12 Northern Mich. F	52-7
S. 19 South Dakota St. + F	49-7
S. 26 Augustana, S.D. F	25-0
O. 3 Morningside + F	63-0
O. 10 St. Cloud St. F	49-7
O. 17 Mankato St. + F	49-7
O. 24 Northern Colo. + F	33-12
O. 31 South Dakota U	21-12
N. 7 Neb.-Omaha F	25-3
N. 14 North Dakota + F	62-13

Coach: Rocky Haeger • Colors: Yellow & Green
 Nickname: Bison • 1986 Record: W-13, L-0

NORTH TEXAS STATE Denton, TX

S. 5 Oklahoma U	
S. 12 Southwest Texas + F	7-0
S. 19 Northwestern Louisiana F	24-3
S. 26 McNeese State F	21-13
O. 10 Sam Houston + U	
O. 17 Texas Christian U	24-20
O. 31 Stephen F. Austin F	
N. 7 Arkansas State U	21-43
N. 14 Northeast Louisiana F	28-20
N. 21 Louisiana Tech + U	10-17

Coach: Corky Nelson • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Mean Green Eagles • 1986 Record: 6-4

NORTHEASTERN Boston, MA

S. 12 Towson St. + U	
S. 19 Connecticut U	20-26
S. 26 Harvard F	
O. 3 Youngstown St. F	23-21
O. 10 Maine + F	21-38
O. 17 New Hampshire F	21-24
O. 24 Villanova + F	
O. 31 Southern Conn. + F	
N. 7 Rhode Island F	36-9
N. 14 James Madison U	2-15
N. 21 Massachusetts + U	28-31

Coach: Paul Pawlak • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Huskies • 1986 Record: W-4, L-6

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA Monroe, LA

S. 12 Louisiana Tech U	20-6
S. 19 Southwest Texas State F	17-14
S. 26 Nicholls State + U	13-17
O. 3 Northwestern State F	14-17
O. 10 Lamar F	22-21
O. 17 Georgia Southern + U	
O. 24 Southwestern Louisiana + U	20-24
O. 31 McNeese State + F	37-17
N. 7 Southern Mississippi U	19-28
N. 14 North Texas State + U	20-28
N. 21 Arkansas State + U	21-26

Coach: Pat Collins • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Indians • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

NORTHERN ARIZONA Flagstaff, AZ

S. 5 Northern Colorado F	
S. 19 Montana + F	34-28
O. 26 Idaho + U	24-0
O. 3 Sonoma + F	
O. 10 Weber State F	45-24
O. 17 Idaho State F	31-17
O. 24 Montana State + F	19-27
O. 31 Eastern Washington F	6-28
N. 7 Tulsa U	
N. 14 Boise State F	17-14
N. 21 Nevada-Reno + U	17-27

Coach: Larry Kenner • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

NORTHERN COLORADO Greeley, CO

S. 5 Northern Arizona + U	
S. 12 Abilene Christian + U	20-27
S. 19 Morningside College + F	28-7
S. 26 St. Cloud State U	21-24
O. 3 Mankato State + U	13-22
O. 10 Nebraska-Omaha U	28-10
O. 17 North Dakota + F	36-33
O. 24 North Dakota State U	12-33
O. 31 Augustana S.D. U	21-22
N. 7 South Dakota State + U	7-31
N. 14 South Dakota U	17-31

Coach: Ron Simonson • Colors: Navy & Gold
 Nickname: Bears • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DeKalb, IL

S. 12 Lamar + F	
S. 19 Western Michigan F	
S. 26 Northwestern U	
O. 3 Eastern Michigan F	21-14
O. 10 Toledo + U	28-29
O. 17 Southwest Missouri State + F	
O. 24 Cal State - Fullerton + U	
O. 31 Ball State U	10-20
N. 7 Western Illinois + F	0-10
N. 14 Akron + T	
N. 28 Nevada-Las Vegas U	

Coach: Jerry Pettibone • Colors: Cardinal & Black
 Nickname: Huskies • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

NORTHERN IOWA Cedar Falls, IA

S. 5 McNeese State F	55-38
S. 12 Minnesota U	
S. 19 Montana State + U	25-46
S. 26 Indiana State F	45-10
O. 3 Montana + U	
O. 10 Iowa State U	
O. 24 Western Illinois F	32-30
O. 31 Eastern Illinois + F	30-31
N. 7 SW Missouri State F	45-3
N. 14 Southern Illinois + F	24-27
N. 21 Illinois State + F	22-13

Coach: Darrell Mudra • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Panthers • 1986 Record: W-7, L-3, T-1

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Marquette, MI

S. 5 Michigan Tech + F	
S. 12 North Dakota St. + U	7-52
S. 19 Hillsdale + F	13-17
S. 26 NE Missouri F	34-0
O. 3 Ferris St. F	
O. 10 Northwood, Mich. + F	27-0
O. 17 Grand Valley St. F	28-24
O. 24 Saginaw Valley + F	29-18
O. 31 Minn.-Duluth F	35-29
N. 7 Illinois St. U	

Coach: Herb Grenke • Colors: Old Gold & Olive
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: 5-5

CAL. ST., NORTHRIDGE Northridge, CA

S. 12 Boise St. U	
S. 19 San Francisco St. + F	37-0
S. 26 Sonoma St. + F	35-17
O. 3 Hayward St. F	20-7
O. 10 Cal Lutheran + F	17-3
O. 17 Cal Poly SLO F	21-20
O. 24 Southern Utah + F	20-49
O. 31 Santa Clara + F	38-32
N. 7 Cal.-Davis U	20-25
N. 14 Portland St. T	34-0
N. 21 Sacramento St. + U	17-21

Coach: Bob Burt • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Matadors • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3

NORTHWESTERN Evanston, IL

S. 12 Duke F	6-17
S. 19 Missouri F	
S. 26 Northern Illinois + F	
O. 3 Indiana U	7-24
O. 10 Minnesota + U	23-44
O. 17 Michigan State + U	24-21
O. 24 Wisconsin F	27-35
O. 31 Michigan U	
N. 7 Iowa + U	20-27
N. 14 Purdue F	16-17
N. 21 Illinois + U	23-18

Coach: Francis Peay • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

NORTHWESTERN ST. Natchitoches, LA

S. 5 Arkansas State U	0-21
S. 12 McNeese State + U	9-3
S. 19 North Texas State + U	3-24
O. 3 Northeast Louisiana + U	17-14
O. 10 Southwestern Louisiana U	
O. 17 Southwest Texas State U	6-29
O. 24 Louisiana Tech U	13-13
O. 31 Sam Houston State U	31-23
N. 7 Nicholls State U	28-13
N. 14 Jackson State + U	
N. 21 Stephen F. Austin + F	14-28

Coach: Sam Goodwin • Colors: Burnt Orange, Purple & White
 Nickname: Demons • 1986 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

NOTRE DAME Notre Dame, IN

S. 12 Michigan U	23-24
S. 19 Michigan State + F	15-20
S. 26 Purdue F	41-9
O. 10 Pittsburgh U	9-10
O. 17 Air Force F	31-3
O. 24 Southern Cal + U	38-37
O. 31 Navy + F	33-14
N. 7 Boston College + F	
N. 14 Alabama + F	10-28
N. 21 Penn State U	19-24
N. 28 Miami U	

Coach: Lou Holtz • Colors: Gold & Blue
 Nickname: Fighting Irish • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

OHIO Athens, OH

S. 5 West Virginia U	
S. 12 Marshall + U	7-21
S. 19 Toledo U	21-24
O. 3 Kentucky U	
O. 10 Bowling Green + U	16-21
O. 17 Miami (O) U	14-34
O. 24 Kent State + U	13-17
O. 31 Eastern Michigan U	31-33
N. 7 Central Michigan + U	27-56
N. 14 Ball State U	9-30
N. 21 Western Michigan + U	17-45

Coach: Cleve Bryant • Colors: Kelly Green & White
 Nickname: Bobcats • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

OHIO STATE Columbus, Ohio

S. 12 West Virginia + F	
S. 19 Oregon + F	
S. 26 Louisiana State F	
O. 3 Illinois F	14-0
O. 10 Indiana + F	24-22
O. 17 Purdue F	39-11
O. 24 Minnesota + F	33-0
O. 31 Michigan State + F	
N. 7 Wisconsin F	30-17
N. 14 Iowa + F	31-10
N. 21 Michigan F	24-26

Coach: Earle Bruce • Colors: Scarlet & Gray
 Nickname: Buckeyes • 1986 Record: W-10, L-3

OKLAHOMA Norman, OK

S. 5 North Texas + F	
S. 12 North Carolina + F	
S. 26 Tulsa F	
O. 3 Iowa State F	38-0
O. 10 Texas F	47-12
O. 17 Kansas State F	56-10
O. 24 Colorado + F	28-0
O. 31 Kansas F	64-3
N. 7 Oklahoma State + F	19-0
N. 14 Missouri + F	77-0
N. 21 Nebraska F	20-17
W. Dallas, TX	

Coach: Barry Switzer • Colors: Crimson & Cream
 Nickname: Sooners • 1986 Record: W-10, L-1

OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater, OK

S. 5 Tulsa + F	23-27
S. 12 Houston F	12-28
S. 19 Wyoming F	
S. 26 SW Louisiana + F	21-20
O. 10 Colorado + U	14-31
O. 17 Nebraska + U	10-30
O. 24 Missouri F	21-14
O. 31 Kansas St. + F	23-3
N. 7 Oklahoma U	0-19
N. 14 Kansas F	24-6
N. 21 Iowa St. + F	10-6

Coach: Pat Jones • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Cowboys • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

OREGON Eugene, OR

S. 12 Colorado U	32-30
S. 19 Ohio State U	
S. 26 San Diego State + F	
O. 3 Washington + U	3-38
O. 10 Southern Cal + U	21-35
O. 17 UCLA U	
O. 24 Stanford U	7-41
O. 31 California + U	27-9
N. 7 Arizona State U	17-37
N. 14 Washington State F	27-17
N. 21 Oregon State + F	49-28

Coach: Rich Brooks • Colors: Green & Yellow
 Nickname: Ducks • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

OREGON STATE Corvallis, OR

S. 12 Georgia U	
S. 19 San Jose State + U	
S. 26 Texas U	
O. 3 Southern Cal U	
O. 10 Akron + F	
O. 17 Arizona U	12-23
O. 24 Arizona State + U	
O. 31 Washington U	12-28
N. 7 UCLA + U	0-49
N. 14 Stanford + U	7-17
N. 21 Oregon U	28-49

Coach: Dave Kragthorpe • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Beavers • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

PACIFIC Stockton, CA

S 5 California U	
S 12 Sacramento State* F	31-7
S 19 Arizona State U	
S 26 Washington U	
O 3 New Mexico State* F	41-14
O 10 Cal State Long Beach* U	21-38
O 17 Utah State U	10-14
O 24 Fresno State U	9-10
N 7 San Jose State U	15-44
N 21 Nevada-Las Vegas* U	21-15

Coach: Bob Cope • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

PENN STATE University Park, PA

S 5 Bowling Green + F	
S 12 Alabama + F	23-3
S 19 Cincinnati + F	23-17
S 26 Boston College + F	26-14
O 3 Temple + F	45-15
O 10 Rutgers + F	31-6
O 17 Syracuse F	42-3
O 31 West Virginia + F	19-0
N 7 Maryland + F	17-15
N 14 Pittsburgh F	34-14
N 21 Notre Dame + F	24-19

at Memorial Stadium, Baltimore, MD
 at Foxboro, MA

Coach: Joe Paterno • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Nittany Lions • 1986 Record: W-12, L-0

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia, PA

S 19 Cornell + F	31-21
S 26 Bucknell F	10-7
O 3 Columbia F	42-7
O 10 Brown + F	34-0
O 17 Navy + F	30-26
O 24 Yale F	24-6
O 31 Princeton + F	23-10
N 7 Lafayette F	42-14
N 14 Harvard F	17-10
N 21 Dartmouth F	21-7

Coach: Ed Zubrow • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Quakers • 1986 Record: W-10, L-0

PITTSBURGH Pittsburgh, PA

S 5 Brigham Young F	
S 12 North Carolina State + F	
S 19 Temple + F	13-19
S 26 West Virginia F	48-16
O 3 Boston College + F	
O 10 Notre Dame + F	10-9
O 24 Navy F	56-14
O 31 Syracuse + F	20-24
N 7 Rutgers + F	20-6
N 14 Penn State + F	14-34
N 21 Kent State + F	

at East Rutherford, NJ
 Coach: Mike Gottfried • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Panthers • 1986 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

PORTLAND STATE Portland, OR

S 5 Wisconsin-Stevens Point + F	
S 12 Montana U	14-35
S 19 Idaho + U	10-42
S 26 Southern Utah* F	41-17
O 3 Humboldt State + F	27-16
O 10 Idaho State* F	
O 17 Sacramento State + U	20-52
O 24 Cal-Lutheran + F	28-7
O 31 Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo* F	66-7
N 7 Santa Clara F	41-14
N 14 Cal-State Northridge + T	0-34

Coach: Pokey Allen • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Vikings • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

PRAIRIE VIEW A & M Prairie View, TX

A 29 Texas Southern + U	35-38
S 12 Stephen F. Austin* U	14-46
S 19 Jackson State U	24-32
S 26 Southern # U	14-21
O 3 Grambling* U	24-19
O 10 Arkansas U	
O 17 Texas Lutheran F	28-18
O 24 Alabama State* U	14-20
O 31 Mississippi Valley State + U	21-28
N 14 Alcorn State U	20-35
N 21 Langston F	

at Houston Astrodome
 # At Cotton Bowl, Dallas, TX

Coach: Corway Hayman • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Panthers • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

PRINCETON Princeton, NJ

S 19 Dartmouth U	6-28
S 26 Davidson + F	
O 3 Brown U	10-24
O 10 Columbia + T	20-14
O 17 Lehigh + U	28-48
O 24 Harvard F	14-3
O 31 Pennsylvania U	10-23
N 7 Colgate + U	
N 14 Yale + U	13-14
N 21 Cornell + U	8-39

at Charlotte, NC
 Coach: Ron Rogerson • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-2, L-8

PURDUE West Lafayette, IN

S 12 Washington U	
S 19 Louisville + F	
S 26 Notre Dame + U	9-41
O 3 Minnesota U	9-36
O 10 Illinois + U	27-34
O 17 Ohio State + U	11-39
O 24 Iowa U	14-42
O 31 Wisconsin + F	
N 7 Michigan State U	3-37
N 14 Northwestern + U	17-16
N 21 Indiana U	17-15

Coach: Fred Akers • Colors: Gold & Black
 Nickname: Boilermakers • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

RHODE ISLAND Kingston, RI

S 5 James Madison U	
S 12 Delaware + U	10-44
S 19 Maine + F	14-34
S 26 Brown U	7-27
O 3 Massachusetts U	17-31
O 17 Boston University F	0-17
O 24 Richmond U	14-28
O 31 New Hampshire + F	24-28
N 7 Northeastern + U	9-36
N 14 Connecticut + U	14-21
N 21 Towson State U	14-35

Coach: Bob Griffin • Colors: Blue, White & Gold
 Nickname: Rams • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

RICE Houston, TX

S 5 Lamar + F	28-14
S 12 Indiana U	
S 19 Louisiana State U	
S 26 Southwest Texas State + F	6-31
O 3 Texas U	14-17
O 10 Texas Christian + U	37-31
O 17 Texas Tech U	21-49
O 24 Texas A & M + U	10-45
O 31 Arkansas + U	14-45
N 14 Baylor U	27-38
N 28 Houston + U	14-13

Coach: Jerry Berndt • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Owls • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

RICHMOND Richmond, VA

S 5 New Hampshire F	38-12
S 12 Wake Forest U	
S 19 Massachusetts + F	21-24
S 26 Delaware U	19-20
O 3 Connecticut + F	22-29
O 10 James Madison U	
O 17 Maine F	11-26
O 24 Rhode Island + F	28-14
O 31 Boston University F	56-15
N 14 Villanova + F	
N 21 William & Mary U	14-21

Coach: Dal Shealy • Colors: Blue & Red
 Nickname: Spiders • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

RUTGERS New Brunswick, NJ

S 5 Cincinnati F	48-28
S 12 Syracuse + U	16-10
S 26 Kentucky + F	16-16
O 3 Duke + F	
O 10 Penn State U	6-31
O 17 Boston College + U	11-9
O 24 Army U	35-7
O 31 Vanderbilt F	
N 7 Pittsburgh + U	6-20
N 14 West Virginia U	17-24
N 21 Temple F	22-29

at East Rutherford, NJ
 Coach: Dick Anderson • Color: Scarlet
 Nickname: Scarlet Knights
 1986 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

SACRAMENTO, CAL-ST.

Sacramento, CA	
S 12 Pacific, Cal U	7-31
S 19 Chico St. + U	38-44
S 26 Mesa College + F	29-29
O 3 Santa Clara F	38-7
O 10 Humboldt St. + F	45-17
O 17 Portland St. F	58-20
O 24 Cal Poly SLO + F	6-26
O 31 Cal Lutheran F	18-17
N 7 Southern Utah + F	48-31
N 14 Cal-Davis + U	6-28
N 21 Northridge St. F	21-17

Coach: Bob Mattos • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Hornets • 1986 Record: W-6, L-4, T-1

ST. CLOUD STATE St. Cloud, MN

S 5 Nicholls St. U	
S 12 Minn.-Duluth + T	7-27
S 19 Mankato St. U	21-17
S 26 Northern Colo. + F	24-21
O 3 North Dakota F	13-24
O 10 North Dakota St. + U	7-49
O 17 South Dakota U	0-52
O 24 South Dakota St. + U	7-44
O 31 Neb.-Omaha + F	7-24
N 7 Morningside + F	16-6
N 14 Augustana, S.D. F	

Won by forfeit

Coach: Noel Martin • Colors: Cardinal & Black
 Nickname: Huskies • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

SAM HOUSTON STATE Huntsville, TX

S 5 Angelo State* F	38-24
S 12 Montana State F	23-6
S 19 Texas A&I + F	
S 26 Houston + U	
O 3 Texas Southern + F	38-28
O 10 North Texas State* F	
O 24 Lamar* F	24-13
O 31 Northwestern State + F	23-31
N 7 Stephen F. Austin F	30-26
N 14 Western Illinois + F	16-13
N 21 Southwest Texas State F	32-31

Coach: Ron Randleman • Colors: Orange & White
 Nickname: Barkats • 1986 Record: W-9, L-2

SAN DIEGO STATE San Diego, CA

S 5 UCLA U	14-45
S 12 Utah + F	37-30
S 19 Air Force F	10-22
S 26 Oregon U	
O 3 Wyoming F	31-24
O 10 Texas-El Paso + F	15-10
O 17 Stanford + U	10-17
O 24 Cal State Long Beach + F	27-24
O 31 New Mexico + F	38-34
N 7 Brigham Young U	10-3
N 14 Hawaii* F	35-5
N 21 Colorado State + F	27-26

Coach: Denny Stolz • Colors: Scarlet & Black
 Nickname: Aztecs • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3

SAN FRANCISCO STATE

San Francisco, CA	
S 12 Cal Lutheran + U	0-31
S 19 Northridge St. U	0-37
O 3 St. Mary's, Cal + U	21-51
O 10 Sonoma St. + F	10-16
O 17 Cal-Davis U	3-51
O 24 Santa Clara + U	24-27
O 31 Azusa Pacific T	17-28
N 7 Chico St. U	0-48
N 14 Humboldt St. U	28-12
N 21 Hayward St. + U	14-20

Coach: Vic Rowen • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Gators • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

SAN JOSE STATE San Jose, CA

S 5 Eastern Illinois + F	
S 12 California F	35-14
S 19 Oregon State* F	
S 26 Stanford U	10-38
O 3 Cal State Fullerton + F	48-24
O 10 New Mexico State + F	45-7
O 17 Fresno State* F	45-41
O 24 UNLV + F	23-20
O 31 Utah State F	38-28
N 7 Pacific + F	45-15
N 14 CSU Long Beach F	38-14

Coach: Claude Gilbert • Colors: Gold, White & Blue
 Nickname: Spartans • 1986 Record: W-10, L-2

SANTA CLARA Santa Clara, CA

S 12 Chico State + U	8-35
S 19 CSU Hayward + U	12-31
S 26 UC-Davis* U	18-42
O 3 Sacramento State + U	7-38
O 10 Southern Utah State* U	31-18
O 17 Cal Lutheran + F	33-9
O 24 San Francisco State F	27-24
O 31 CSU Northridge* U	32-38
N 7 Portland State + U	14-41
N 14 St. Mary's + F	24-22
N 21 Cal Poly SLO* U	24-36

Coach: Terry Malley • Colors: Red, White & Gold
 Nickname: Broncos • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, SC

S 5 Appalachian State + F	
S 12 Western Carolina + F	45-24
S 19 Miami U	14-34
S 26 Georgia U	26-31
O 3 Nebraska U	24-27
O 10 Virginia Tech + F	27-27
O 17 Virginia + F	20-30
O 24 East Carolina + F	38-3
O 31 North Carolina State + F	22-23
N 14 Wake Forest F	48-21
N 21 Clemson + U	21-21

Coach: Joe Morrison • Colors: Garnet & Black
 Nickname: Fighting Gamecocks
 1986 Record: W-3, L-6, T-2

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Orangeburg, SC	
S 5 Furman + U	7-34
S 19 North Carolina A & T + U	11-34
S 26 Howard U	44-23
O 3 Elizabeth City F	31-6
O 10 Morgan State F	35-0
O 17 Bethune-Cookman + F	28-14
O 24 Florida A & M + U	3-26
O 31 Delaware State + U	21-34
N 7 Virginia Union F	
N 14 Grambling U	16-20
N 21 Georgia Southern + U	7-28

Coach: Dennis Thomas • Colors: Garnet & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

SOUTH DAKOTA Vermillion, SD

S 5 Washburn + F	14-16
S 12 Central Missouri St. + F	
S 19 Neb.-Omaha* F	41-8
S 26 South Dakota St. F	51-39
O 3 Augustana, S.D. + F	48-8
O 10 Morningside* F	33-10
O 17 St. Cloud St. + F	52-0
O 24 Mankato St. F	16-10
O 31 North Dakota St. + F	12-21
N 7 North Dakota F	13-24
N 14 Northern Colo. + F	31-17

Coach: Dave Triplett • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Coyotes • 1986 Record: W-11, L-3

SOUTH DAKOTA ST. Brookings, SD

S 5 Central Missouri St. F	
S 19 North Dakota St. U	7-49
S 26 South Dakota + U	14-26
O 3 Neb.-Omaha + F	13-19
O 10 Augustana, S.D. F	40-7
O 17 Morningside + F	24-14
O 24 St. Cloud St. F	44-7
O 31 North Dakota + F	52-21
N 7 Northern Colo. F	31-7
N 14 Mankato St. + U	7-21

Coach: Wayne Haensel • Colors: Yellow & Blue
 Nickname: Jackrabbits • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, CA	
S 7 Michigan State* F	
S 19 Boston College + F	
S 26 California F	28-3
O 3 Oregon State + F	
O 17 Oregon F	35-21
O 24 Notre Dame F	37-38
O 31 Washington State + F	14-34
N 7 Stanford + F	10-0
N 14 Arizona + F	20-13
N 21 UCLA + U	25-45

Coach: Larry Smith • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
 Nickname: Trojans • 1986 Record: W-7, L-5

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Carbondale, IL

S 5 Delta State + F	
S 12 SW Missouri State + F	35-14
S 19 Austin Peay* F	35-14
S 26 Illinois State + U	20-3
O 3 Kansas U	23-35
O 10 Fresno State* U	
O 17 Western Illinois + F	21-24
O 24 Arkansas State + U	7-21
O 31 Indiana State F	16-14
N 7 Eastern Illinois U	7-52
N 14 Northern Iowa* U	27-24

Coach: Ray Dorr • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Salukis • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI Hattiesburg, MS

S 5 Alabama U	17-31
S 19 Tulane + U	20-35
S 26 Texas A & M U	7-16
O 3 Louisville F	31-16
O 10 Florida State + U	13-49
O 17 Mississippi State U	28-24
O 24 Memphis State* F	14-9
O 31 Jackson State + F	
N 7 Northeast Louisiana + F	28-19
N 14 East Carolina + F	23-21
N 28 SW Louisiana* F	17-0

Coach: Jim Camody • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY Baton Rouge, LA

S 12 Alabama St.* F	27-9
S 19 Texas Southern + F	43-29
S 26 Prairie View* F	21-14
O 3 Miss. Valley St. F	28-7
O 10 Nicholls St. + U	10-17
O 17 Jackson St.* U	9-16
O 24 Alcorn St. + U	13-14
O 31 Tennessee St.* U	17-17
N 7 Florida A & M U	30-14
N 21 SW Missouri + T	
N 28 Grambling* U	3-30

Coach: Marino Casam • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Jaguars • 1986 Record: W-5, L-4, T-1

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA Lafayette, LA

S 5 Mississippi State* U	26-10
S 12 Nevada-Las Vegas + F	
S 26 Oklahoma State* U	20-21
O 3 Alabama U	
O 10 Northwestern State + F	
O 17 Mississippi U	20-21
O 24 Northeast Louisiana* F	24-20
N 7 Memphis State + F	26-10
N 14 Tulane* U	39-42
N 21 Colorado State + U	
N 28 Southern Miss* U	0-17

Coach: Nelson Stokley • Colors: Vermilion & White
 Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE Springfield, MO

S 5 Central Oklahoma State + F	
S 12 Southern Illinois U	14-35
S 19 Nicholls State + U	0-31
S 26 Western Illinois U	10-27
O 3 Indiana State + U	10-14
O 17 Northern Illinois U	
O 24 Eastern Illinois U	20-34
O 31 Illinois State + U	17-16
N 7 Northern Iowa + U	3-45
N 14 Louisiana Tech U	
N 21 Southern University* T	

Coach: Jesse Branch • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Bears • 1986 Record: W-3, L-7

SOUTHWEST TEXAS San Marcos, TX

S 5 Texas A & I + F	
S 12 North Texas State* U	0-7
S 19 Northeast Louisiana + U	14-17
S 26 Rice* U	31-6
O 10 Baylor* U	
O 17 Northwestern State + F	29-6
O 24 Nicholls State* U	21-35
O 31 Lamar + F	3-17
N 7 McNeese State* U	13-9
N 14 Stephen F. Austin State* F	34-28
N 21 Sam Houston State + U	31-32

Coach: John O'Hara • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Bobcats • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

STANFORD Stanford, CA

S 5 Washington U	14-24
S 19 Colorado F	
S 26 San Jose State + F	28-10
O 3 UCLA + U	28-23
O 10 Washington State F	42-12
O 17 San Diego State* F	17-10
O 24 Oregon + F	41-7
O 31 Arizona + F	29-24
N 7 Southern Cal U	0-10
N 14 Oregon State F	17-7
N 21 California + F	11-17

Coach: Jack Elway • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Cardinals • 1986 Record: W-8, L-4

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Nacogdoches, TX

S 5 West Texas St.* F	36-31
S 12 Prairie View A & M + F	46-14
S 19 McNeese State* U	
S 26 Lamar* F	38-25
O 3 Eastern Washington + U	
O 17 Nicholls State* U	10-14
O 24 Nevada State* U	27-34
O 31 North Texas + U	
N 7 Sam Houston St. + U	26-30
N 14 Southwest Texas + U	28-34
N 21 Northwestern St.* U	28-14

Coach: Jim Hess • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

SYRACUSE Syracuse, NY

S 5 Maryland + F	
S 12 Rutgers F	10-16
S 19 Miami (Ohio) + F	
S 26 Virginia Tech F	17-26
O 3 Missouri F	41-9
O 17 Penn State + U	3-42
O 24 Colgate + F	
O 31 Pittsburgh U	24-20
N 7 Navy F	31-22
N 14 Boston College + U	9-27
N 21 West Virginia + F	34-23

Coach: Dick MacPherson • Colors: Orange
 Nickname: Orangemen • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

TEMPLE Philadelphia, PA

S 5 Toledo* F	
S 12 Boston College U	29-38
S 19 Pittsburgh* U	19-13
S 24 Akron + F	
O 3 Penn State U	15-45
O 10 Tulsa + F	
O 17 Florida U	
O 31 Army U	
N 7 East Carolina F	45-28
N 14 Houston + F	
N 21 Rutgers + U	29-22

Coach: Bruce Arians • Colors: Cherry & White
 Nickname: Owls • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

TENNESSEE Knoxville, TN

A 30 Iowa* U	
S 5 Colorado State + F	
S 12 Mississippi State F	23-27
S 26 Auburn + U	8-34
O 3 California + F	
O 17 Alabama F	28-56
O 24 Georgia Tech + F	13-14
O 31 Boston College F	
N 7 Louisville + F	
N 14 Mississippi + F	22-10
N 21 Kentucky F	28-9
N 28 Vanderbilt + F	35-20

Coach: Johnny Majors • Colors: Orange & White
 Nickname: Volunteers • 1986 Record: W-7, L-5

UT - CHATTANOOGA Chattanooga, TN

S 12 Eastern Kentucky + U	33-3
S 19 East Tennessee State* U	17-18
S 26 Furman U	10-21
O 3 Louisiana Tech + U	
O 10 Western Kentucky + U	21-17
O 17 Citadel + F	42-7
O 24 Appalachian State U	15-20
O 31 Marshall + U	20-41
N 7 Western Carolina F	34-7
N 14 Tennessee Tech + F	33-3
N 21 Virginia Military Institute F	

Coach: Buddy Nix • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Moccasins • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

TENNESSEE STATE Nashville, TN

S 5 Middle Tennessee State F	7-6
S 12 Jackson State F	20-10
S 26 Florida A & M F	34-12
O 3 Central State (OH) F	
O 10 Grambling State F	21-10
O 17 Morris Brown F	27-0
O 24 Morgan State F	52-10
O 31 Southern University F	17-17
N 7 Bethune-Cookman F	13-10
N 14 Texas Southern F	
N 21 Alabama A & M F	6-7

Coach: Bill Thomas • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-10, L-2, T-1

TENNESSEE TECH Cookeville, TN

S 12 Liberty + F	
S 19 Abilene Christian* U	
S 26 Austin Peay* U	13-23
O 3 Arkansas Pine Bluff + F	
O 10 Youngstown St. + U	6-30
O 17 Morehead St. U	20-28
O 24 Murray St. + U	16-23
O 31 Cincinnati* U	
N 7 Eastern Ky. + U	14-42
N 14 Tenn-Chattanooga* U	3-33
N 21 Middle Tenn. St. + U	6-21

Coach: Jim Ragland • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1986 Record: W-0, L-10

TEXAS Austin, TX

S 5 Auburn U	
S 12 Brigham Young + F	
S 26 Oregon St. + F	
O 3 Rice + F	17-14
O 10 Oklahoma* U	12-47
O 19 Arkansas U	14-21
O 31 Texas Tech + F	21-23
N 7 Houston* F	30-10
N 14 Texas Christian + F	45-16
N 21 Baylor + F	13-18
N 26 Texas A & M* U	3-16

Coach: David McWilliams • Colors: Burnt Orange & White
 Nickname: Longhorns • 1986 Record: W-5

TEXAS-EL PASO El Paso, TX

S 5 New Mexico St. + F	47-33
S 19 Colorado St. U	21-19
S 26 Hawaii + U	21-31
O 3 Arizona St.* U	
O 10 San Diego St.* U	10-15
O 17 Lamar + F	
O 24 Air Force U	21-23
O 31 New Mexico + U	22-24
N 7 Utah F	55-45
N 14 Brigham Young + U	13-37
N 21 Wyoming + U	12-41

Coach: Bob Stull • Colors: Orange, White & Blue
 Nickname: Miners • 1986 Record: W-4, L-8

TEXAS A & M Kingsville, TX

S 5 Southwest Texas U	
S 12 Idaho State F	
S 19 Sam Houston State* U	
O 3 Lamar + F	35-10
O 10 Central State (OK) F	38-17
O 17 East Texas State + F	42-0
O 24 Cameron University + F	
O 31 West Texas State* F	49-54
N 7 Eastern New Mexico + F	28-34
N 14 Abilene Christian F	36-19
N 21 Angelo State + F	52-34

Coach: Ron Harris • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Javelinas • 1986 Record: W-9, L-2

TEXAS A & M College Station, TX

S 5 Louisiana State + T	17-35
S 19 Washington + U	
S 26 Southern Mississippi F	16-7
O 3 Texas Tech* F	45-8
O 10 Houston + F	19-7
O 17 Baylor* F	31-30
O 24 Rice F	45-10
O 31 Louisiana Tech + F	
N 14 Arkansas + U	10-14
N 21 Texas Christian F	74-10
N 26 Texas + F	16-3

Coach: Jackie Sherrill • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Aggies • 1986 Record: W-9, L-2

TEXAS CHRISTIAN Fort Worth, TX

S 5 Boston College U	
S 12 Air Force U	
S 19 Brigham Young + U	
O 3 Arkansas + U	17-34
O 10 Rice* F	31-37
O 17 North Texas State + F	20-24
O 24 Baylor F	17-28
O 31 Houston + F	30-14
N 7 Texas Tech F	14-36
N 14 Texas U	16-45
N 21 Texas A & M + U	10-74

Coach: Jim Wacker • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Horned Frogs • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

TEXAS SOUTHERN Houston, TX

S 5 Prairie View + F	38-35
S 12 Angelo St. + U	27-31
S 19 Southern* U	29-43
S 26 Alabama St. + F	31-35
O 3 Sam Houston St.* U	28-38
O 10 Alcorn St. + U	33-35
O 24 Miss. Valley St. U	34-34
O 31 Grambling* U	21-49
N 7 Jackson St. + U	7-37
N 14 Tennessee St. U	

Coach: Lionel Taylor • Colors: Maroon & Gray
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-2, L-8, T-1

TEXAS TECH Lubbock, TX

S 5 Florida State* U	
S 12 Colorado State + F	
S 19 Lamar + F	
S 26 Baylor* U	14-45
O 3 Texas A & M + U	8-45
O 10 Arkansas + U	17-7
O 17 Rice + F	49-21
O 24 Tulsa + F	
O 31 Texas U	23-21
N 7 Texas Christian + U	36-14
N 21 Houston* F	34-7

Coach: Spike Dykes • Colors: Scarlet & Black
 Nickname: Red Raiders • 1986 Record: W-7, L-5

TOLEDO Toledo, OH

S 5 Temple + U	
S 12 Ball State + U	10-27
S 19 Ohio University + F	24-21
O 3 Western Michigan F	28-7
O 10 Northern Illinois F	29-28
O 17 Bowling Green U	22-3
O 24 Miami (OH) + U	8-24
O 31 Kent State U	16-18
N 7 Eastern Michigan + F	23-18
N 14 Central Michigan F	26-14
N 21 Miami (FL) U	

Coach: Dan Smirrell • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Rockets • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

TOWSON STATE Towson, MD

S 12 Northeastern F	
S 19 Indiana (PA) + F	21-13
O 3 Maine F	
O 10 Howard + F	
O 17 Morgan State + F	21-0
O 24 Delaware State + T	6-10
O 31 James Madison U	7-7
N 7 New Haven F	47-7
N 14 Liberty F	12-10
N 21 Rhode Island + F	35-14

Coach: Phil Albert • Colors: Gold & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1986 Record: W-8, L-2, T-1

TULANE New Orleans, LA

S 5 Louisville* F	12-23
S 12 Iowa State + F	
S 19 Southern Miss. F	35-20
S 26 Mississippi + U	10-35
O 3 Vanderbilt + F	35-17
O 17 Memphis St.* F	15-6
O 24 Virginia Tech + U	
O 31 Florida St.* U	21-54
N 7 Mississippi St.* U	27-34
N 14 SW Louisiana + F	42-39
N 21 Louisiana St. + U	17-37

Coach: Mack Brown • Colors: Olive Green & Sky Blue
 Nickname: Green Wave • 1986 Record: 4-7

TULSA Tulsa, OK

S. 5 Oklahoma State* U	27-23
S. 12 Florida U	
S. 19 Arkansas U	17-34
S. 26 Oklahoma + U	
O. 3 Kansas State F	
O. 10 Temple U	
O. 17 Central Michigan F	42-6
O. 24 Texas Tech U	
O. 31 Louisville + F	
N. 7 Northern Arizona + F	
N. 21 Memphis State + F	

Coach: George Henshaw • Colors: Old Gold, Royal Blue, Crimson • Nickname: Golden Hurricane
1986 Record: W-7, L-4

UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S. 5 San Diego State + F	45-14
S. 12 Nebraska U	
S. 19 Fresno State + F	
S. 26 Arizona + F	32-25
O. 3 Stanford F	23-28
O. 17 Oregon + F	
O. 24 California + F	36-10
O. 31 Arizona State F	9-16
N. 7 Oregon State F	49-0
N. 14 Washington + F	17-17
N. 21 Southern Cal F	45-25

Coach: Terry Donahue • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bruins • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3, T-1

UTAH Salt Lake City, UT

S. 5 New Mexico +* U	43-47
S. 12 San Diego State U	30-37
S. 19 Wisconsin U	
S. 26 Idaho State +* T	
O. 3 Air Force U	35-45
O. 10 Colorado St. U	38-28
O. 17 Hawaii U	13-33
O. 24 Utah State + F	27-10
O. 31 Boise State U	
N. 7 Texas-El Paso + U	44-55
N. 14 Wyoming + U	14-38
N. 21 Brigham Young U	21-35

Coach: Jim Fassel • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Utes • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

UTAH STATE Logan, UT

S. 5 Nebraska U	
S. 12 Kentucky U	
S. 26 Fullerton St. + F	0-33
O. 2 Brigham Young U	0-52
O. 10 Nevada-Las Vegas* U	7-6
O. 17 Pacific + F	14-10
O. 24 Utah U	10-27
O. 31 San Jose St. + U	28-38
N. 7 New Mexico St.* F	42-9
N. 14 Fresno St. + U	7-14
N. 21 Long Beach State U	3-14

Coach: Chuck Shelton • Colors: Navy Blue & White
Nickname: Aggies • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

VANDERBILT Nashville, TN

S. 12 Memphis State +* F	21-22
S. 19 Duke* T	24-18
S. 26 Alabama +* U	10-42
O. 3 Tulane* U	17-35
O. 10 Auburn U	9-31
O. 17 Georgia +* U	16-38
O. 24 Mississippi U	12-28
O. 31 Rutgers + U	
N. 7 Kentucky + U	22-34
N. 21 Maryland + U	21-35
N. 28 Tennessee U	20-35

Coach: Watson Brown • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Commodores • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

VILLANOVA Villanova, PA

S. 19 Liberty F	
S. 26 Mercyhurst + F	42-35
O. 3 Boston University + U	
O. 10 Central Conn. State F	28-0
O. 17 Catholic + F	20-7
O. 24 Northeastern U	
O. 31 Connecticut U	
N. 7 Massachusetts + U	
N. 14 Richmond U	
N. 21 Maryland + U	
N. 21 Holy Cross + U	

Coach: Andy Talley • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-8, L-1

VIRGINIA Charlottesville, VA

S. 5 Georgia U	
S. 12 Maryland U	10-42
S. 19 Virginia Tech + U	10-42
S. 26 Duke + U	13-20
O. 3 Virginia Military Institute + F	
O. 10 Clemson U	017-31
O. 17 South Carolina U	30-20
O. 24 Wake Forest + U	30-28
N. 7 Georgia Tech U	14-28
N. 14 North Carolina + U	7-27
N. 21 North Carolina State U	20-16

Coach: George Welsh • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Cavaliers • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE Lexington, VA

S. 12 West Virginia Tech + F	
S. 19 Appalachian State U	6-19
S. 26 Wofford + F	
O. 3 Virginia* U	
O. 10 Citadel U	47-30
O. 17 James Madison + U	7-39
O. 24 Marshall U	9-16
O. 31 William & Mary (r) U	22-37
N. 7 Furman U	3-34
N. 14 East Tennessee State + U	20-31
N. 21 UT-Chattanooga + U	
(r) Norfolk, VA	

Coach: Eddie Williamson • Colors: Red, White, Yellow
Nickname: Keydets • 1986 Record: W-1, L-10

VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA

S. 12 Clemson + U	20-14
S. 19 Virginia F	42-10
S. 26 Syracuse + U	26-17
O. 3 Navy + F	
O. 10 South Carolina U	27-27
O. 17 East Carolina + F	
O. 24 Tulane* F	
O. 31 Kentucky* F	17-15
N. 7 West Virginia F	13-7
N. 14 Miami* U	
N. 21 Cincinnati + F	20-24

Coach: Frank Beamer • Colors: Orange & Maroon
Nickname: Gobblers, Hokies • 1986 Record: 9-2-1

WAKE FOREST Winston-Salem, NC

S. 12 Richmond + F	
S. 19 North Carolina State + U	38-42
S. 26 Appalachian State + F	21-13
O. 3 Army U	49-14
O. 17 Maryland + U	27-31
O. 24 Virginia F	28-30
O. 31 Clemson U	20-28
N. 7 Duke + U	36-38
N. 14 South Carolina + U	21-48
N. 21 Georgia Tech U	24-21

Coach: Bill Dooley • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Demon Deacons • 1986 Record: W-5, L-6

WASHINGTON Seattle, WA

S. 5 Stanford + F	24-14
S. 12 Purdue + F	
S. 19 Texas A & M F	
S. 26 Pacific + F	
O. 3 Oregon F	38-3
O. 10 Arizona State + F	21-34
O. 17 Southern Cal + F	10-20
O. 31 Oregon State + F	28-12
N. 7 Arizona* F	
N. 14 UCLA U	17-17
N. 21 Washington State + F	44-23

Coach: Don James • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Huskies • 1986 Record: W-8, L-3, T-1

WASHINGTON STATE Pullman, WA

S. 5 Fresno State + U	
S. 12 Wyoming + T	
S. 19 Michigan U	
S. 26 Colorado U	
O. 10 Stanford + U	12-42
O. 17 Arizona State U	21-21
O. 24 Arizona + U	6-31
O. 31 Southern Cal U	34-14
N. 14 Oregon + U	17-27
N. 21 Washington U	23-44
N. 28 California (r) U	21-31
(r) Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Dennis Erickson • Colors: Crimson & Gray
Nickname: Cougars • 1986 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

WEBER STATE Ogden, UT

S. 5 Western State (CO) +* F	
S. 12 Cal State Long Beach U	
S. 19 Southern Utah State +* F	
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Coach: Mike Price • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

WEST TEXAS STATE Canyon, TX

S. 5 Stephen F. Austin State +* U	31-36
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S. 26 Mississippi College* F	24-34
O. 3 East Central Oklahoma + F	
O. 10 Angelo State F	38-15
O. 24 East Texas State F	49-14
O. 31 Texas A & I +* U	54-49
N. 7 Northwest Missouri + F	
N. 14 Eastern New Mexico F	50-3
N. 21 Abilene Christian + F	32-28

Coach: Bill Kelly • Colors: Maroon, Silver & White
Nickname: Buffaloes • 1986 Record: W-7, L-4

WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown, WV

S. 5 Ohio University + F	
S. 12 Ohio State U	
S. 19 Maryland U	3-24
S. 26 Pittsburgh + U	16-48
O. 3 East Carolina + F	24-21
O. 17 Cincinnati + F	
O. 24 Boston College U	10-19
O. 31 Penn State U	0-19
N. 7 Virginia Tech + U	7-13
N. 14 Rutgers + F	24-17
N. 21 Syracuse U	23-34

Coach: Don Nehlen • Colors: Old Gold & Blue
Nickname: Mountaineers • 1986 Record: W-4, L-7

WESTERN CAROLINA Cullowhee, NC

S. 5 Clemson U	
S. 12 South Carolina* U	24-45
S. 19 Furman +* U	19-13
S. 26 East Tennessee State* U	43-16
O. 10 Mars Hill +* F	
O. 17 North Carolina A & T + U	
O. 24 Georgia Southern + U	
O. 31 Citadel F	27-12
N. 7 UT-Chattanooga + U	7-34
N. 14 Marshall U	33-20
N. 21 Appalachian State + U	13-17

Coach: Bob Waters • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Catamounts • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

WESTERN ILLINOIS Macomb, IL

S. 5 Arkansas State +* U	
S. 12 Fresno State* U	
S. 19 Indiana State +* F	
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O. 24 Northern Iowa + U	30-32
O. 31 Liberty + F	
N. 7 Northern Illinois U	10-0
N. 14 Sam Houston State U	13-16

Coach: Bruce Craddock • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Leathernecks • 1986 Record: W-6, L-5

WESTERN KENTUCKY Bowling Green, KY

S. 5 Gardner-Webb +* F	35-13
S. 19 Murray St. +* F	10-10
S. 26 Middle Tenn. St. +* F	
O. 3 Eastern Ky. F	24-10
O. 10 Tenn.-Chattanooga* F	17-21
O. 17 Livingston + F	21-23
O. 24 Austin Peay F	34-20
O. 31 Ga. Southern U	32-49
N. 14 Eastern Illinois + U	18-35
N. 21 North Carolina A & T F	

Coach: Dave Roberts • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Hilltoppers • 1986 Record: W-4, L-6, T-1

WESTERN MICHIGAN Kalamazoo, MI

S. 5 Akron + U	
S. 12 Illinois State U	
S. 19 Northern Illinois + U	
S. 26 Bowling Green U	3-17
O. 3 Toledo + U	7-28
O. 10 Miami(O) + U	27-17
O. 17 Kent State U	27-7
O. 24 Eastern Michigan + U	14-21
O. 31 Central Michigan U	10-18
N. 7 Ball State + U	10-24
N. 21 Ohio University F	45-17

Coach: Al Molde • Colors: Brown & Gold
Nickname: Broncos • 1986 Record: W-3, L-8

WILLIAM & MARY Williamsburg, VA

S. 5 East Tennessee State* F	
S. 12 Navy T	
S. 19 Colgate F	42-28
O. 3 Lehigh + F	44-34
O. 10 Yale F	
O. 17 Delaware + F	17-51
O. 24 James Madison + F	
O. 31 Va. Military (r) F	37-22
N. 7 Bucknell + F	30-13
N. 14 Holy Cross U	7-31
N. 21 Richmond + F	21-14
(r) Norfolk, VA	

Coach: Jimmie Laycock • Colors: Green, Gold & Silver • Nickname: Tribe, Indians • 1986 Record: 9-3

WISCONSIN Madison, WI

S. 12 Hawaii + F	17-20
S. 19 Utah + F	
S. 26 Ball State + F	
O. 3 Michigan U	17-34
O. 10 Iowa + U	6-17
O. 17 Illinois U	15-9
O. 24 Northwestern + U	35-27
O. 31 Purdue U	
N. 7 Ohio State + U	17-30
N. 14 Minnesota* U	20-27
N. 21 Michigan State + U	13-23

Coach: Don Morton • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Badgers • 1986 Record: W-3, L-9

WYOMING Laramie, WY

S. 5 Air Force + F	23-17
S. 12 Washington State T	
S. 19 Oklahoma State + U	
S. 26 Iowa State + T	
O. 3 San Diego State + U	24-31
O. 10 Brigham Young U	22-34
O. 17 Houston + F	
O. 24 Texas-El Paso* F	41-12
O. 31 Colorado State + F	15-20
N. 7 New Mexico F	35-25
N. 14 Utah F	38-14
N. 28 Hawaii F	19-35

Coach: Paul Roach • Colors: Brown & Yellow
Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes • 1986 Record: W-6, L-6

YALE New Haven, CT

S. 19 Brown + U	7-21
S. 26 Connecticut + U	12-17
O. 3 Hawaii* U	
O. 10 William & Mary + U	
O. 17 Columbia F	47-0
O. 24 Pennsylvania + U	6-24
O. 31 Dartmouth F	13-39
N. 7 Cornell + U	0-15
N. 14 Princeton F	14-13
N. 21 Harvard + F	17-24

Coach: Carmen Cozza • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Elis, Bulldogs • 1986 Record: W-3, L-7

YOUNGSTOWN STATE Youngstown, OH

S. 5 Eastern Michigan* U	17-18
S. 12 Bowling Green U	
S. 26 Marshall U	
O. 3 Northeastern + U	21-23
O. 10 Tennessee Tech F	30-6
O. 17 Austin Peay + F	10-13
O. 24 Eastern Kentucky + U	17-38
O. 31 Middle Tennessee State U	14-49
N. 7 Murray State + U	14-17
N. 14 Morehead State + U	24-27
N. 21 Akron U	40-39

Coach: Jim Tressel • Colors: Scarlet & White
Nickname: Penguins • 1986 Record: W-2, L-9

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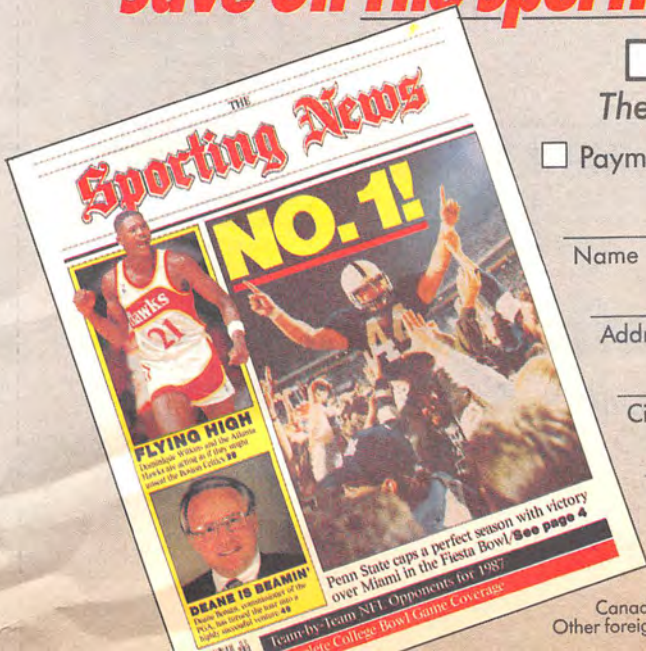
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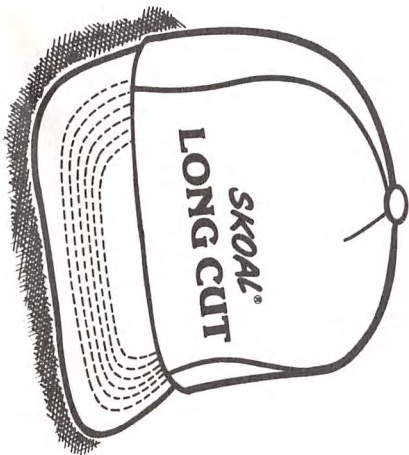


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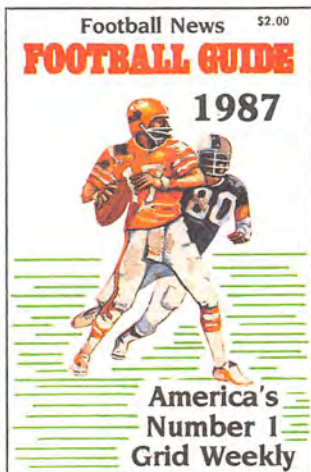
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